

there are but few such persons in college, and we advise those few to cease the practice, for they are simply rendering themselves ridiculous in the eyes of their fellow-students, so obvious is their intent. It is a fact that other men often refrain from stopping to ask a question which they have had no opportunity of asking while in class, because they dislike to put themselves in a position where their motives will be misjudged.

Now do not men see that they are laboring under a great delusion if they suppose they can thus deceive the professors and get merits not justly their due? Do they not suppose that the professors understand their purposes, and do they expect that a system of pettifoggery can compensate for failures in recitation? Far from it. Their labor is worse than useless.

But even granting (what is not the case) that it is possible for one to so worm himself into the good graces of an officer, that by a pretended enthusiasm he can get more credit than he deserves; that even the professor may be so deceived as to think him more proficient than he really is. What then? Do men of high standing in classes wish to retain, or advance beyond their present relative positions by unfair means? Is there any honor in bearing away the prize for excellence, unless won in a fair contest? Is not success doubly sweet when accompanied by the consciousness that it has been justly earned? Do these very men in question really wish credit which does not belong to them? We cannot think so.

We entreat men, then, again, in view of this manifest unfairness, to discontinue the practice without delay. It would be far better, if men think they must have more than their deserts, to follow the time-honored

custom of waiting upon the professor at the close of the term, and informing him how many additional marks they must have in order to occupy the position which they desire, and which the interests of the University imperatively demand that they should have.

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#### DELTA KAPPA EPSILON CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of this Fraternity was held with the Upsilon Chapter of Brown University, on the 16th and 17th of November. Out of the twenty-eight chapters composing the Fraternity, twenty-one were represented by delegates. The great distance from the place of meeting, or some equivalent excuse, accounted for the non-representation of the other chapters. Every attention for the convenience of the delegates was given by the members of the Upsilon chapter, and they well deserved the praise and approbation of their visitors for the elegant manner in which they attended to arrangements conducive to enjoyment. The Convention met on Wednesday morning. Business transactions were commenced and continued, with intermissions, until Thursday afternoon. On Thursday evening the delegates were invited to listen to an oration and poem delivered under the auspices of the Upsilon chapter at one of the principal churches of Providence. Owing to a misunderstanding beyond the control of the committee, the oration was somewhat inferior. The poem was excellent, and the "Society March," furnished by the American Band, of Providence, was greeted with well merited applause. The delegation, headed