

Notes and Comments

A little boy 'way back in the last row raises his hand to ask why the companies wear the colors they do. Perhaps some of the little girls who are wearing a collection of badges would also like to know.

Very well. If you will close your books and stop padding your time cards and keep perfectly quiet, I will tell you something about them.

Company A's colors are pink and light blue. A company must have some colors, and why not pink and blue? The Phi Beta Kappa colors are the same, but there can be no connection between the two.

Company B wears a strip of blue with a piece of yellow at one end, and the reason is this:

Many years ago there was a commandant of cadets named Lieutenant Pershing. He was a cavalry officer, and wore light blue trousers with yellow stripes.

By and by he went away, but before he left a committee from B company waited upon him and asked him for the trousers.

"Why, gentlemen," he said, "those trousers cost seventeen dollars."

"That's all right," said the chairman of the committee, "we will think just as much of them as though they cost thirty-five."

"Yes," chimed in another, "the boys will cherish them because of their associations rather than their money value."

So they cut up the trousers with part of the yellow stripe on each piece. Company B men have been wearing them ever since.

We have always heard that Lieutenant Pershing was a great man, but we are nevertheless astonished by the manner in which the trousers are lasting. He wasn't such a tall man either.

Company C wears brown in honor of Captain Orlo Brown.

The badge of company D is more complicated, and a longer tail is attached thereto. The regulation badge consists of a piece of white duck, upon

which are arranged a red spot and the letters "D" and "p. d. q.," and the figures "120" all in red.

The reason for this peculiar device is somewhat as follows:

When Julius Sedgwick was captain of the company in '96 it won the cup because it marched with the regulation cadence of 120 steps to the minute, which any one will admit is p. d. q. In the evening the company gave the town its regular annual coat of paint. In the excitement a bucket of paint was spilled, and in a spirit of economy the boys wiped it up with their beloved captain, who happened to be wearing white ducks.

The trousers were ruined. To the victors belong the spoils.

The boys divided them as mementoes of their victory.

It is up to me to say something nice about the Delta Gamma convention and the delegates. But there are so many nice things which might be said or which go without saying that there is no need of my attempting to do the subject justice.

The poet (?) who, for obvious reasons, does not wish to have his name to be known, has paid the business office double local advertising to have the following printed in this department.

Whatever may be said of the sentiment expressed, the style of the writer savors too much of the late James W. Chatterton to be truly pleasing. It is called

A FRO.

If I were a girl  
And went to the U,  
If I could work it  
Here's what I'd do:  
I'd sing from morn  
And night till noo (n)  
"I am a Δ Γ"

A. R. Groh had his wheel stolen Friday. It was taken from the rack near the library building.

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