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**PHI BETA KAPPA.**

What is Phi Beta Kappa? This is a question which has been asked by the Daily Princetonian. When an eastern institution comes forth in an article and declares that an organization of the standing and ideals of Phi Beta Kappa is "useless," there must be in the matter something worthy of consideration.

Phi Beta Kappa was founded by Thomas Jefferson, and has always

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been considered by college men and women as one of the greatest societies ever organized in the educational world. The name Phi Beta Kappa, as understood by the American people, typifies more than real scholarship. It stands for ability, and the key is really a sign of honor. Nebraska men and women can scarcely realize that a criticism of this kind can be just. While the author of the attacking article states that the society should have undergraduates as its members, it is hard to realize a condition of this sort. If high scholarship during the first two years shall stand as the basis for membership of Phi Beta Kappa, then the original purpose of the society is lost.

If an organization having the suggested basis is needed, then why would it not be well to form such a society? Phi Beta Kappa would set the standard for the two-year scholarship society. Would not this be better, and allow Phi Beta Kappa itself to stand for the best in the educational world? If the suggested society is needed, then form it, but let Phi Beta Kappa remain as the great standard for high scholarship for the men and women of the colleges of the United States during the entire four or even five years of their college career.

**AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM.**

The approach of class elections calls the attention of the students of the University of Nebraska to a sys-

*Convocation*

*Violin Recital*

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*Temple*

tem of voting at this school which has not been conducive to the best results. The Australian ballot system has only been established in the class elections of the university in a partial manner. This has resulted in "ballot-stuffing" and also illegal voting.

As a remedy for this it might be suggested that a better means could be developed, for carrying on the elections of the class officers. Not to cast any reflections on any candidate, past or present, but the students themselves would like to know how the eleven candidates for class presidencies during the coming semester would like to have this system established?

Class elections could be carried on in the same manner as the elections of members of the athletic board. A list of the students in good standing from each class can be secured from the registrar, and printed ballots could be used. The polls could be open for certain specified hours, and in that way every student would be able to vote without having any classes interfere with being able to go to the elections, as is sometimes now not the case. The election of officers un-

der this system would be fair to all the candidates, and would prevent any chance of a defeated candidate to raise the cry that he had been defeated illegally. At the same time it would be fair to the voters of the different classes in that no one but those who had the proper class standing would be allowed the right of suffrage, and every student would have an opportunity to vote for the candidate he desired.

To "Kid" Wedge we should take off our hats. A man who can win the respect of the man who is "down and out" deserves a great deal of credit. Wedge as a student in the university commanded the respect of every one who knew him, and through the conscientious manner in which he accomplished the work which fell to his hands, he has won his way into the hearts of men who have not the numerous advantages of the students of the university. To fight a good fight and lose is honor enough, but in the case of Wedge to fight a good fight and win is more credit to the integrity and manliness of the man himself. That is what Wedge has accomplished.

A meeting of the members of Phi Delta Epsilon was held Wednesday evening at the Lincoln hotel. L. B. Tobin, managing editor of the Lincoln Daily Star, was initiated as an honorary member.

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