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For This Issue

**GRADES FOR PHI BETA KAPPA**

It seems rather unfair to seniors that they be asked to hustle around and get their grades properly recorded with the registrar if they wish to secure Phi Beta Kappa honors. "Students who are intending to lay claim to the honor" are urged to take "drastic" action.

Phi Beta Kappa membership would seem to be based to some extent on "drastic hustling around," then. Somehow we had considered the honor a more dignified one. The small gold key had seemed to us a reward given to the faithful student, the one who, realizing the importance of mastering his work, has been willing to spend the necessary time doing it.

The requirements for membership of Phi Beta Kappa are not definite to those outside the fraternity. Students vaguely know that a certain percentage of the graduating class whose grades are excellent ones, are elected. If the class is one whose members rank exceptionally high, then perhaps those whose averages fall below 90 per cent are not awarded. Again, it is said that 88 and even 85 per cent students have been made Phi Beta Kappas.

No one knows how the class average is ranking this year unless he has investigated it. The registrar has not time to help every senior look up records to find out whether it is worth while for him to prod up his instructors so that his grades will be in. Nor should students have to inspect the registrar's records to see if their grades are recorded properly. They should take that as a matter of course.

But if the scholarship fraternity fears the records are not complete, why do they not investigate? Then they could feel that they had done what they could to award the membership fairly.

There will doubtless be students who will not care to insist that their records be up-to-date, students who will modestly underestimate their relative rank. They will fear that after they have taken "drastic action" that they will not receive the honor and will consequently suffer humiliation when they see those they "drastically acted upon."

"Secured" honors are petty, compared with "conferred" ones.

**THE BELLBOY FATE**

Some day the bellboy fate will page you in the great hotel of life. He will come at the unexpected moment. He will bring you an urgent message, summoning you to a land unknown. He will deliver to you the final communique, your last orders from the Great Chief.

Where will the bellboy Fate find you? Will you be in bed, sleep-sodden and groggy, lazy and unthinking as the result of a career of careless laziness, exhausted by a life of spend-thrift wastefulness?

Will you be up before some bar, chained to a brass rail, unable to even comprehend the crisis which Fate is calling you to attend? Will you be in some den of vice, some habitat of worthless humanity? Will you be at a table, floundered with food? Will you be behind some dusty desk, enslaved to wealth and self, ignorant and disregardful of men all around you?

Or will you be ready and alert, in a comfortable, happy home, in a business conference, in the joyful contemplation of a life well-lived, safe in the knowledge of service to humanity and to God?

Life's caravansary is a vast, busy hotel with many guests. The bellboy Fate is a busy boy—he has no time to

waste on waiting for an opportune time, on waiting your preparation to answer his call. Your call will be paged but once. You must be ready whether you will or no. That call is coming some day and it is for you to be fully prepared. When the bellboy Fate calls you for the last great conference, you should be ready—ready in body and spirit.—Daily Illini.

**THURSDAY CONVOCATION WAS A SUCCESSFUL ONE**  
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campaign," he said, "which was for sufficient funds to provide for the moral protection of the American soldiers abroad and in the training camps here, was completely successful, having obtained upwards of \$1,600,000. So the question of the men over there is solved for the present at least. What the present campaign is for is to make the people here at home awaken to the responsibilities which face them in preventing the evils of the war from crossing the Atlantic and threatening our homes and society in America." For instance, Mr. Holcombe pointed out that since the beginning of the war the per cent of infant criminality had increased by two hundred in Germany and France. Meanwhile there has crept somehow into American society a similar influence toward crime among the infants to allow the average of infant crimes to increase 67 per cent. Since the infants of today are the basis upon which the world democracy of tomorrow must rest it is easily seen how vitally these figures effect the prospects for the success of this question for which men of all nations are giving their lives. Mr. Holcombe brought out many other interesting points illustrating the great need for hasty action along the lines adopted by the Northfield conference and which will North America within the next few months be introduced into the student ranks of months.

**Walter Judd Explains Program**  
Walter Judd was introduced by Steele Holcombe to explain the program which the committee in charge of the mobilization of North American students for Christian world democracy. Judd told of the work that had been carried on so far and of the work that other colleges were doing. He said in part that the student world had responded less freely to the double work war program than any other class.

And this was all the more conspicuous since it is the colleges that are sending the largest representation of men to the trenches. He emphasized the fact that the men fighting "for us" were fighting in vain if we failed to respond to the call to prepare for a Christian world democracy and this he asserted we can not do until we have learned by study and discussion the basic principles of such a democracy and the means by which we may secure such a form of international relationship.

**Have Ordered Books**  
He then outlined the plans of the coming drive, saying that five hundred books had been ordered which contain a summary of the things that will be considered in class discussions. The classes will in groups of ten or fifteen each and will be held in all parts of the city. Sororities and fraternities will organize their own groups and choose their own leaders. Non-fraternity students will also be provided for. A chart has been arranged of the city indicating the location of all students. This chart will be followed in grouping the different classes and then the people will be consulted personally as to the hours they prefer for such meetings and the person they wish to have to lead them in the discussions. As soon as this organization of the classes has been completed the study will begin. This will very probably be next Monday, as many of the fraternities have already organized and are awaiting the word to begin classes. The plan is one that has succeeded in appealing to all the students that have been approached so far and it is expected that Nebraska will hold up her standard set by the \$25,000 subscription earlier in the year, by giving a full attendance to these classes.

**ENGLISH WAR WORKER HAS STRONG APPEAL**  
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Nearly every University in the country will be visited by Miss Frazer before the tour is completed and in this way it is hoped that England's message to America will have the deep meaning for citizens here that it should.

**Praised Lord Anslow**  
Leaders of war work both men and women in this country and in England are loud in their praise of her ability and the local committee feel that it is a great privilege which the University students and the people of Lincoln have in hearing her. When Lord Anslow, C. B. House of Lords, heard that she was coming to America he wrote to her as follows:

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