

Worthington academy?" "Are you a Cotnerite?" Ye gods!

The matter could be taken in hand by the student-body with a committee to select something appropriate and not too expensive. If the students as a whole do not care to undertake the thing, two or three enterprising individuals might make a suitable selection and start a button shop. We think they would have a good trade and make money. If the buttons were only here and in sight the students would buy them. This is a fine chance for some "Napoleon of Finance" to show his college spirit and at the same time pay up his back board and laundry bill.

Down at the State University of Kansas there is a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. Why not try to get one at the U. of N.? To many of our students the very sight of Greek letters, outside of a text book, is odious, but the Phi Beta Kappa possesses none of the dangerous and demoralizing features usually ascribed, in western colleges, to the common ordinary "frat." It is a purely honorary society. Members are chosen each year from the Senior Class, the selection being based almost entirely on scholarship. About ten are chosen from each graduating class. K. S. U. has the only chapter west of the Mississippi and had to work hard for five years to get it.

To be identified for life with the Phi Beta Kappa, to feel oneself a part of an organization that Lowell and Holmes and Emerson have made famous and of which they were themselves a part, is surely worth trying for. The method of choosing candidates would in itself stimulate Seniors and prospective Seniors to making the very best possible effort to do good work. Now that the method of close, individual markings in examinations has been abolished—and very properly, we think—much of the competitive spirit for high rank has been lost. Such an honor as a Phi Beta Kappa membership, given at the end of the college course and

given purely as a reward for the best work would be a splendid thing for the students.

It will probably be a difficult thing to establish a chapter here—at least at present. But we can get to work. It may take us five years as it has K. S. U., but the personal honor and prestige will far exceed any labor expended. Let us make a start, and even if we can't get the benefits at once and for ourselves, the blessings of "unborn Seniors" ought to be ample reward.

One or two of our exchanges are veritable calamity howlers—nothing about their University is right; students and faculty are alike going to perdition. We don't believe that is the proper way to bring about a reform, partly because such professional fault-finding, such cynical pessimism soon falls, by its own weight, into disrepute; partly because a college journal is not always an infallible criterion and moral guide, even though it be so considered—by its editors.

However, the college journal is the proper medium for kindly administered rebukes when they seem to be needed. Therefore we shall occasionally warble forth a gentle complaint about what we see or hear. Be it understood, though, that it is always an amicable, why-not-tonight-dear-brother sort of a complaint; a friendly remonstrance, never a malignant howl; a criticism made with infinite pain to ourselves and only bearable because in the interests of humanity in general and N. S. U. students in particular.

With this brief and pacific introduction we wish to call attention to a couple of things not exactly as they should be—only two. The first and worst is the order at chapel exercises. Aside from reverential motives, which ought to be sufficiently strong in themselves, there is a very urgent reason why we should try individually to keep quiet. We ought to consider and respect those around us. You may be an infidel of the worst type, but that doesn't entitle you to the privilege of disturbing the devotions of a dozen students all about you. They