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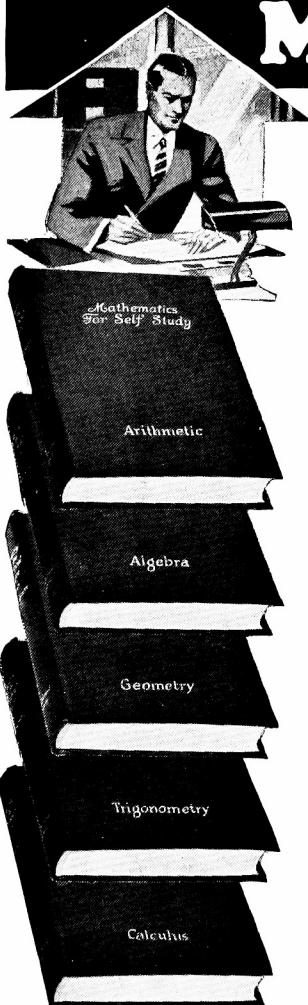
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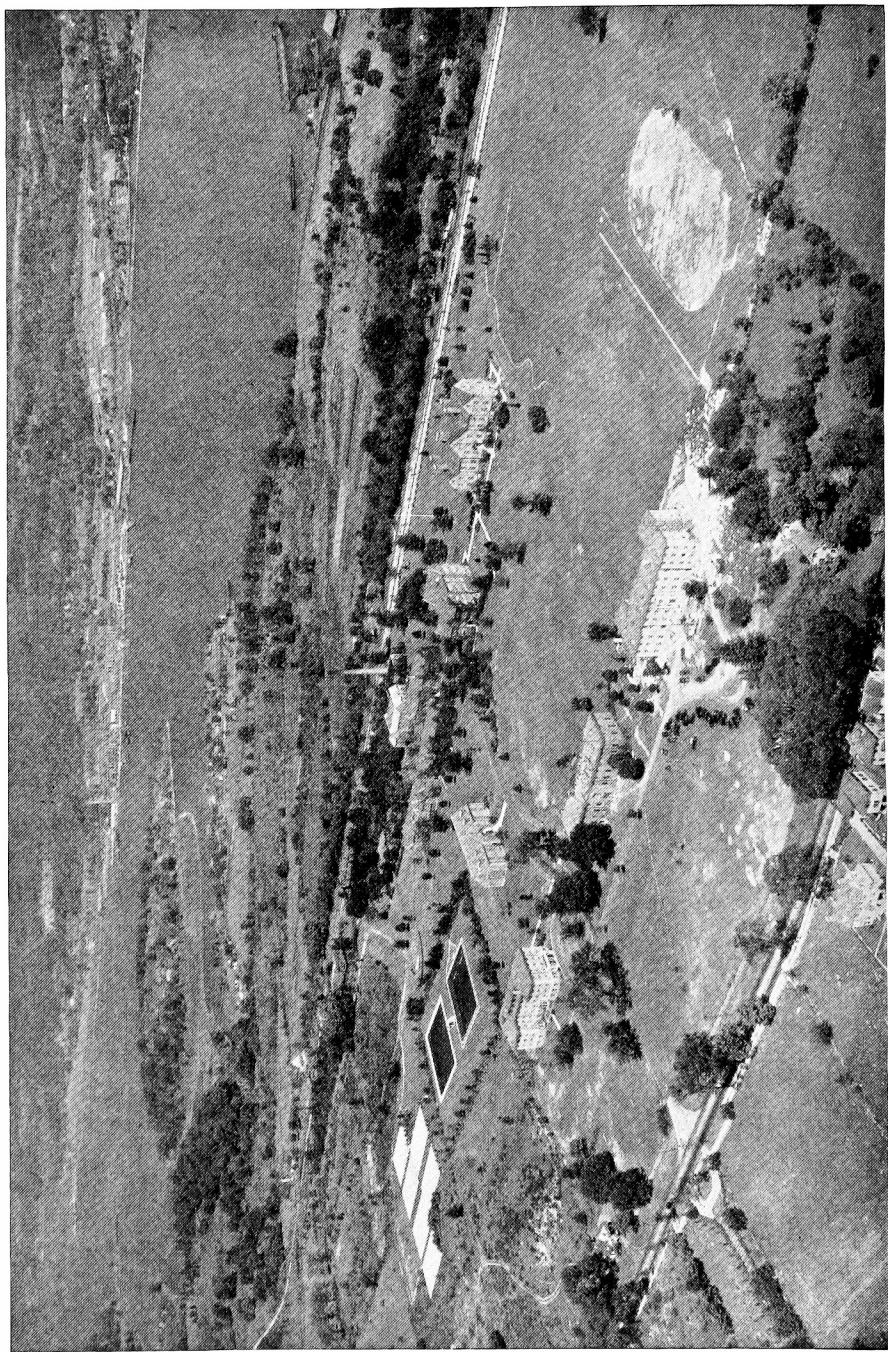
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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE, NEW LONDON
On a Hilltop Overlooking the Thames

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Tradition Yields for New Connecticut Chapter

By Henry W. Lawrence

Professor of History and Political Science, Connecticut College

THE battle of the traditionalists against the utilitarians still rages within Φ B K. It raged, indeed, during the 1934 sessions of the Eighteenth Triennial Council of the Society, with victory sometimes perching on the banners of the backward-lookers.

Happily for Connecticut College, the forward-lookers were successful in some of the battles; in particular that one which was waged over refusing a charter to all colleges less than half a century old. We in Delta of Connecticut rejoice at the outcome of this battle, not alone because it gave us our birth certificate, but also because we doubt sincerely that the aid and inspiration of Φ B K should be withheld from any college beyond the date, late or soon, when that college has shown itself ready to profit worthily by those advantages.

Connecticut College, by comparison with her brother and sister colleges in Φ B K, may seem to be no more than a toddling infant; but we rejoice that, in the judgment of the United Chapters, she has thus far toddled well enough to enter their

academic procession. What differentiates her chiefly from her 120 predecessors may well be, at the moment, her ardent and youthful hopes, too splendid to be confessed publicly, but very similar, doubtless, to those her elders once cherished warmly and now revive from time to time.

Objectives of a Liberal College

The aid of Φ B K is welcomed by Connecticut in her efforts to approach the objectives of the liberal college. These objectives, as she sees them, should include the liberalizing of the student (that is, the giving of assistance to her in achieving opinions of her own, based on accurate information and sound reason); the socializing of the student (that is, her persuasion into an attitude of cooperation and enthusiasm for service, especially for competent participation in public affairs); and the informing of the student (that is, the making her acquainted with the facts and problems of the past and present most relevant to her needs and interests).

The installation ceremonies of Delta of

Connecticut were held at Connecticut College, in New London, on the evening of February 13, 1935. The oratory ranged from the heights of a formal greeting pronounced in Latin (whereat the hearers smiled evasively), down to a pun of rather low degree (greeted with sincere and hearty applause). The installation oratory included also a careful inoculation of the new Chapter against complacency, that most deadly of the diseases which commonly afflict honor societies. President Northup assured us that the alleged remark of a barbarian senior, as he received his diploma, "Educated, by gosh," was completely inappropriate for the graduate in Φ B K. He commended some such alternative formula as "Never educated, by Apollo, but I hope to come nearer being so."

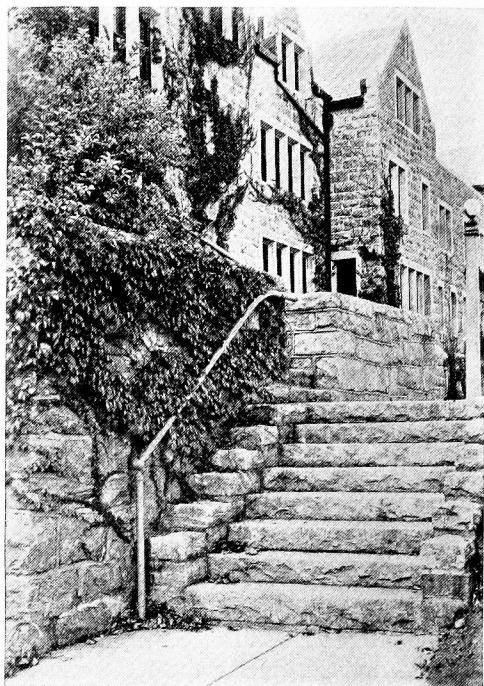
This teaching was reinforced by President Robertson, of Goucher College, in quoting as the horrible example of ineptitude a Scottish toast: "Here's tae us. Wha's like us? Damn few!" His exhortation was that each initiate jab into her soul the question, "Have they picked a scholar in me?" and then offer for her answer the humble following henceforth of "the quest of wisdom as the guide of life."

Connecticut College

Connecticut College is situated on the edge of New London overlooking the Thames River. It was chartered in 1911 and opened in 1915 as a college of liberal arts and sciences for women. It is privately endowed and non-sectarian. The governing board is self-perpetuating. The College has been approved by all accrediting agencies. The Φ B K Committee on Qualifications found that it is a strong College with a well-trained and ample faculty productive in scholarship and stimulating as teachers; that emphasis is placed upon honors work and other means of encouraging scholarship; that the relations of the College with the city and state are excellent; and that its curriculum, library, student body, record of graduates, financial condition, and administration under Presi-

dent Katharine Blunt all merit Φ B K recognition.

The Φ B K charter was granted to the following members, who represent the Chapters and the relations to Connecticut



College indicated: Pauline Aiken, University of Maine, English; Katherine Blunt, Vassar, President; E. Frances Botsford, Mount Holyoke, Zoology; Julia Wells Bower, Syracuse, Mathematics; Wilbur L. Cross, Yale, Governor of Connecticut and Trustee; Serena G. Hall, Boston University, English; William A. Hunt, Dartmouth, Psychology; Dorothy King, Allegheny, Library; Margaret W. Kelly, Mount Holyoke, Chemistry; Paul F. Laubenstein, Dickinson, Religion; Henry W. Lawrence, Yale, History; David D. Leib, Dickinson, Mathematics; Marion Maclean, Mount Holyoke, Chemistry; Ida Craven Merriam, Wellesley, Social Science; Frank E. Morris, Yale, Philosophy; Hannah G. Roach, Brown, History; Federico Sanchez, University of California, Spanish; Rosemond Tuve, University of Minnesota, English; John E. Wells, Swarthmore, English; Bessie B. Wessel, Brown, Social Science.



ΦBK-AAAS

ΦBK moves, even intellectually, in spite of its weight of 160 years of tradition. As a symbol of the Society's recognition of the place of general science in the household of liberal culture, the United Chapters of ΦBK has accepted an invitation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to sponsor an annual lecture in connection with the Association's large winter meetings. This lecture, therefore, symbolizes also the growing interest of American scientists in the humanities and the general tendency toward greater unity in knowledge and culture.

The lecture is to be given by a non-scientist on a humanistic subject and is to be one of the general evening sessions of the five-day meeting. It will be open to the public, and ΦBK members in the vicinity will receive special invitations.

William Allan Neilson

The first lecture of the series, arrangements for which were in charge of a committee appointed by the Washington University Chapter, was delivered in the Opera House at St. Louis on January 1 by William Allan Neilson, Harvard ΦBK, on the subject "The American Scholar Today."

President Neilson was born in Scotland, studied at Edinburgh and Harvard, taught in Scotland, Toronto, and Bryn Mawr, and then at Harvard from 1900 to 1917 except for a year at Columbia. He has been President of Smith College since 1917, is the author of many books in the field of English literature, and was editor with Charles W. Eliot of *The Harvard Classics*, and editor in chief of *Webster's New International Dictionary*. He served as a Senator of ΦBK and has been a member of the Editorial Board of *The American Scholar* from its beginning in 1932.

In the address at St. Louis President Neilson discussed the famous ΦBK oration, "The American Scholar," which Ralph Waldo Emerson delivered at Har-

vard in 1837, nearly 100 years ago, and showed how it applies to the present day and particularly how Emerson's ideal takes in science. The address will be published in the Spring number of *The American Scholar*, ΦBK's quarterly magazine which took its name from Emerson's oration. Only a few sentences can be quoted here.

American Scholarship

"American Scholarship now stands on its own feet. Not only that, but in many branches, especially in the field of science and invention it has taken the lead. The question now is no longer of discipleship,



William Allan Neilson

but whether the quality of our leadership is to be proportionate to our advantages. For these advantages are greater by far than Emerson could have foreseen and have been increased by some tragic factors which it is fitting for us for a moment to consider.



"During the years 1914-1918 the leading countries of Europe sent into the battlefield millions of men. . . . The typical reserve officers were docents or lecturers or research assistants in the universities and they were shot down by thousands at the head of their columns. Today the ranks of scholars and scientists between 40 and 50 years of age, the ranks in which these men should have stood today, in all the leading European countries are thinned and their average of ability pitifully lowered because of the lives that were thrown away. Our country suffered no comparable loss. . . .

"Again, in Italy and Germany and Russia forms of government have established themselves that require for their maintenance an attitude towards freedom of thought and speech which is devastating in its effect on intellectual progress. . . . They are committing national intellectual suicide. The torch is falling from their hands. . . .

"As a result of these incredible policies, hundreds of the ablest and freest spirits are fleeing from these unhappy countries and seeking the opportunity to confer upon other countries the benefits of their learning and genius. . . .

Timidity in Scholarship

"Today, in theory, there is general acknowledgment of the importance of imagination in science, and general acceptance of the method of trial hypotheses. Nevertheless, many branches of American scholarship suffer from timidity. We learned, almost too well, the importance of training our young scholars in methods of fact finding, of warning them against jumping to conclusions and making premature generalizations, and sometimes neglected to teach them that truth lies not in facts but in the relations between facts. A glance over the programs of the annual meetings of our learned societies will show that the ranks of scholarship are still crowded with fearful souls who are mining facts in dark galleries, and lack courage and imagination to seek their significance. . . .

"And today the sociologists are building up a terrible jargon, though I have yet to

find in their books an idea which is not capable of being explained in standard English. No, the attempt to write for the laymen need not be by any means a total loss of time or dignity. It can be a powerful agent in clarifying the thought and purifying the style of almost every branch of study. . . .

Identity of Two Ideals

"I wish to draw attention to the fact that whether in discussing Emerson's view of the American Scholar in 1837 or our own view of the American Scholar of the twentieth century, there has emerged no antithesis between the scientific and the literary type. This is as it should be. This meeting under the auspices of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and on the invitation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was conceived, I believe, as a symbol of the fundamental identity of two ideals. The sound Humanist acknowledges the necessity for the scientist's zeal for precision and accuracy in the amassing of facts, for severe logic in manipulating them."

The Readers' Council

The Readers' Council of *The American Scholar* has been reënforced by five new members who should be welcomed thus publicly.

A full account of the organization of this valuable advisory body, which is rapidly widening the magazine's group of friends and subscribers, was published in the first issue of **THE KEY REPORTER** under the title "A Departure in Journalism."

The new communities represented, and their Council members, are: Indiana, Bloomington — Dr. H. H. Carter, Indiana University. Mississippi, Jackson — Dr. Milton White, Millsaps College. Texas, Houston — Professor F. S. Lear, The Rice Institute. West Virginia, Morgantown — Professor R. C. Spangler, West Virginia University. Wyoming, Laramie — Dr. Ottis H. Rechard, University of Wyoming.

Irita Van Doren

By Mark Van Doren, $\Phi B K$ Illinois '14

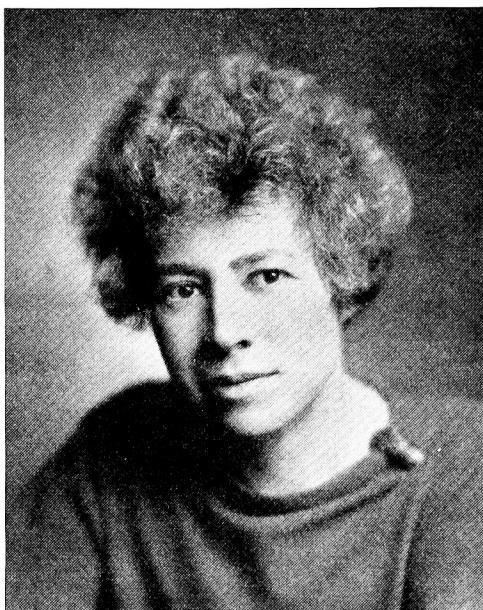
EDITOR'S NOTE.—On December 18, 1935, the $\Phi B K$ Senate elected Mrs. Irita Van Doren to membership on the Editorial Board of *The American Scholar* for a term of three years to succeed Dr. Ada L. Comstock, President of Radcliffe College, who had served from the beginning of the magazine in 1932. In a letter urging Mrs. Van Doren to accept the election, President Comstock wrote that $\Phi B K$ had "developed a magazine of a good deal of interest and of growing importance. These next three years are critical in the future of the magazine; and if you can give the Board the benefit of your judgment and experience, you can feel, I think, that your effort will have been expended to good effect."

THE first story I ever heard about Irita Van Doren was really a story about her mother, Ida Brooks Bradford, who when the oldest of her four children was twelve years old fell heir to a modest sum of money. This money could have been used for a number of sober purposes, as money always can; or it could have been put away in somebody's bank. Mrs. Bradford, however, did a supremely sensible thing. She dressed up her two daughters and took them all the way from Tallahassee to New York, and the three of them spent the inheritance in ten days. They saw New York; they went to every play or opera for which there was time on the calendar; they had a trip such as would otherwise have been impossible; and they returned to Tallahassee no less educated than exhausted.

The next story I heard about Irita Van Doren was an incredible one having to do with the ages at which she had done certain things. She had graduated from college at seventeen, had taken a Master's Degree at eighteen, and was on her way to a Ph.D. from Columbia at twenty or twenty-one. There is no telling how precociously this third degree might have been achieved, for it was never achieved. The next story I heard was that she was to marry my brother Carl. She did so in 1912, with the result that she has had time in the following years merely to bring up three beautiful and accomplished daughters; to serve in three different capacities on the *Nation* staff between 1919 and 1924; and to edit

the literary section of the Sunday *Herald-Tribune* from 1924 until now.

The fact that her intense and capable absorption in this latter work prevents me from seeing her very often does not prevent



Irita Van Doren

me from cherishing the belief that she is one of my best and warmest friends. I say this only because I know myself to be typical of hundreds who could speak likewise. For Irita Van Doren's talent is among many other things the talent of making and keeping friends — friends for her newspaper, for the books she likes, for her other friends, and for herself. In addition to



energy, courage, and intelligence she possesses one of the most immediately sympathetic minds I know, and one of the most completely understanding. And if there goes along with these qualities an immense eagerness for new experience, an unfailingly youthful relish for whatever happens, the reason is perhaps no farther to seek than the two stories with which I began. She is still seeing New York, and she is still precocious — still years ahead of the program.



Ada L. Comstock

75th Anniversary of the Marietta Chapter

In connection with the celebration last June of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Marietta College, in which Φ B K Senator Owen D. Young, Mr. Charles G. Dawes, Φ B K Marietta '84, and many other Φ B K members participated, a dinner meeting was held in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the granting of the charter for the Gamma of Ohio Chapter at the College. The Chapter now has about 330 living members and its President is Dr. Draper T. Schoonover, Dean of the College.

Φ B K Senator Charles F. Thwing, President Emeritus of Western Reserve Uni-

versity, gave the main address. Other speakers were Dr. Oliver Perry Chitwood representing the William and Mary Chapter, Dean Lyon N. Richardson of the Alpha of Ohio Chapter at Western Reserve whence Marietta received its charter in 1860, and Dr. William A. Shimer, Secretary of the United Chapters.

Dr. Thwing discussed the relation of Φ B K to the doctrine of liberty. "During these 75 years," he said, "the motto of Φ B K has emphasized the prolonged and profound study of the fundamental elements of learning and of thought. It has given little or no heed to the decorative and ornamental subjects of the curricula. It has not anticipated professional study. It has not emphasized mere experimentation. It has emphasized the substantial and permanent. It has believed in the intellectual sphere, and has not been content with the hemispheres of learning."

Φ B K in Ethiopia

Haile Selassie has accepted the recommendation of one Φ B K member to engage another Φ B K member to serve as technical counselor on foreign affairs. The recommendation was made by Dr. Pitman Benjamin Potter, Harvard Φ B K '14, who taught history and political science in Harvard, Yale, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, and since 1932 has been professor of international organization at the Institute des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Geneva. Dr. Potter was a representative of Ethiopia in the negotiations with Italy before actual warfare began.

The Φ B K member recommended by Dr. Potter is Dr. John Hathaway Spencer, Grinnell '29, son of Dr. Edward Buckham Taylor Spencer, professor of classics at Grinnell College. Scholarships, including a Carnegie award and a grant by the French Government, enabled John Spencer to take a degree at Harvard and to study several years in Paris and Berlin.

Dr. Spencer arrived in Addis Ababa on January 7 to succeed the Swedish General Eric de Virgin in association with Everett Andrews Colson as advisers to the Ethiopian Government.

The Bayta-Beeta Battle Booms

THE phases of the battle: a retreat, a new contender, Continental forces advance, Bayta barrage and Beeta counter charge, armistice fails, and finally victory by a smothering scientific gas attack.

But to arouse fighting spirit, read the following by Dr. Burton E. Livingston of Johns Hopkins University, on the Editorial Board of *The American Scholar*, and for fifteen years Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science:

I liked the discussion about the pronunciation of Phi Beta Kappa! My personal rule is: a scholar should know the two or more ways of pronouncing a word, and the arguments pro and con; then he should actually pronounce the word any way he likes — usually following the usage of the people with whom he is speaking or else, sometimes, the usage toward which he wishes to lend the weight of his own slight influence. Let us avoid pedantry and Puritanism as well as vulgarity. The same holds for grammatical questions; I don't say, "it is I" always nor do I always say, "it is me." . . . My idea is that we have a right to pronounce words as we choose, but we don't have a right to be ignorant about their derivation and the arguments over their pronunciation.

The Retreat

The error by the editor in the winter issue has been revealed by "a busy week of detective work" as reported in the New Brunswick (New Jersey) *Sunday Times* for January 5. The pronunciations attributed to Rutgers and New Jersey College for Women should be interchanged in the interest of accuracy and harmony. Says the *Times*: "Adherents of the Rutgers pronunciation [Phi Bayta Kappa] defend it on the ground that it has been commonly used for so long that to change it would be impossible and rather silly. . . . The battle, however, is not likely to be settled within the next 30 years. Whether a truce can be patched up between Rutgers and New Jersey College for Women on this question is a matter of speculation, but

such a truce would remove a diverting element from the ritual of Phi Beta Kappa."

The New Contender

Washington, D. C.

"What's in a name?" Sometimes much trouble — not for Phy Beeta Kappa but for Greek Phee Bayta Kappa. Unfortunately there is no P sound in Greek. Can the Grecians stand Phee Vayta Kappa? "P" has the V sound in Greek.

A. A. SCHENCK, Prehistoric '69

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Mr. Schenck was elected to alumnus membership by the Princeton Chapter in 1927.

Continental Forces

A whole column marches bravely in the January 25 *Literary Digest*. And also:

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

May I register my ardent endorsement of Mr. Funk's recommendation for consistency in the pronunciation of our Society's name. By all means let us have the Continental system of pronunciation consistently adhered to.

Where custom has set up an inconsistent pronunciation, let us set up a consistent custom. Even if the atrocious custom is ancient, it is probably less than 1/1,000,000 of the probable eventual age of the Society. Let us pay regard to the sense of consistency of countless coming generations.

A simple decision by our scholarly Council, and a generous following of that decision, would settle the question in one generation of college students. Is it too hard to ask elderly scholars to learn to change a vowel or two in their habits?

R. F. PIPER, Professor of Philosophy

Omaha, Nebraska

Re "Bayta Battles Beeta," I wish that the official stamp might be given to "Phe Bayta Kahppa." I can be polite when I hear "Phy Beeta Kappa" — but the unlovely hybrid "Phy Bayta Kappa" always makes me argumentative. I believe that the high standard of scholarship fostered by Φ B K demands "either the Continental pronunciation or the English pronunciation and not a mixture of the two."

HALLIE WATTERS, Stanford '22



The Bayta Barrage

Batavia, Java, Netherland India

I should like to enter my jeer at the discussion in **THE KEY REPORTER** concerning the pronunciation of the name of our Society. Six years' residence in Greece among the Greeks has convinced me that both "American" and "Continental" pronunciations of Greek are exactly what they are named. Certainly they are not Greek. As between two arbitrary and synthetic pronunciations, I can see no difference, nor can I see anything but justice in making a medley of them, as I shall continue to do, with added pleasure on that account.

ALBERT E. CLATTENBURG, JR.,
Pennsylvania '28

American Vice Consul; Formerly American
Consulate General, Athens, Greece

The National Council of the Y.M.C.A.,
Army and Navy Department,
New York City

The controversy over the pronunciation of Φ B K is interesting. It is surprising to find a lexicographer who states that his duty is only to record usage arguing for consistency in pronunciation. I fear he isn't following his own precepts.

Consistency has never determined pronunciation in any language. Usage alone is the criterion. Every person who has ever tried to teach English to foreigners has run up against the numberless inconsistencies in our language. Other languages have them too, but English takes the prize. So I, for one, am glad to see the tendency for the highest authority of Φ B K to accept and brand as correct that pronunciation most frequently heard (at least 8 or 9 times in 10) — "Phy Bayta Kappa."

CHARLES T. TIDBALL

Washington, D. C.

My views on the "Bayta Battles Beeta" controversy:

1. Fie Bayta Kappa sounds best and so I prefer it.
2. Those who claim "logic" in support of the "consistency" of their pronunciations — let them try to argue their doctrine with the logical rigor of Euclid *et al.*, and see how far they get.

3. For the present, since the point is in dispute, the Senate and the Council should make no decision.

A. BLAKE, Chicago '29

Beeta Counter Charge

Oakland, Calif.

I believe that Phi Beta Kappa should be pronounced in the English manner just as are all other Greek and Latin words and phrases which have become practically a part of the English language, such as *et cetera*, *anno domini* and *in re*. The pronunciation now taught in our schools (Phee Bayta Kahppa) might be admissible. But a presumably more or less learned society ought decidedly to be the last to countenance an illogical hybrid pronunciation. Over the radio and elsewhere I hear "program" oftener than "programme," "details" oftener than "details" (noun), "yore" oftener than "your." . . . But I do not feel that it is my duty to follow these bad examples. What hope is there for the English language if the educated are to submit so tamely to being led by the ignorant?

The founders named our society "Phy Beeta Kappa." Let us respect their memory.

EDWIN COLLINS FROST, Brown, '90

Wesleyan University, Connecticut

Although the usage of many fraternities, my own included, sanctions a hybrid pronunciation of the names of Greek letters, this usage seems to me decidedly unscholarly. It seems to me specially unfortunate that Phi Beta Kappa, as a leading exponent of scholarly traditions, should make this decision.

MORRIS B. CRAWFORD, Wesleyan '74

Armistice?

The phrase, "To the disgust of purists on both sides of the fence," which appears in the weekly magazine *Time's* news item on the first issue of **THE KEY REPORTER**, probably was not meant to apply to the following:

University of Kentucky,
Chemistry Department

I venture to suggest that the Council declare against the mongrel form and declare official both the English and the "Continental" pronunciations. We are a society of scholars and we should line up with the linguists rather than with the *hoi polloi*. Of course, "fi bayta kappas," "résearchers," "réécluses" and the like will be with us always, but I think it is our duty to discourage them as much as possible.

It seems to me that most of those who advocate the pronunciation, Fy Bayta Kappa, probably do not recognize it as a mongrel form because they have had no instruction in Greek. They are familiar with the function, II, called

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either py or pee, but regard pee, not as Greek but the English name of the letter. So py becomes to them the Greek. Also they constantly hear Sigma Zy, never Seegma Zee. Thus Fy Bayta seems to them consistent. Among my associates, most of whom had no Greek at college, that pronunciation was heard more often than any other.

I think it probable that the founders who named the society used English pronunciation, but the "Continental" pronunciation is now so generally taught that both should be considered official. Probably the English style would be the best among English-speaking people, for everyday use. To use the other might savor of pedantry. But leave the choice to the individual.

ALFRED M. PETER, Kentucky '26A

Bates College, Lewiston, Maine

"I value my membership in Phi Beta Kappa. I deplore anything which tends to lower its high regard in the minds of intelligent men and women. I regret that logic should count less than usage when that usage is admittedly that of less learned groups as the article admits. Why should an honorary fraternity, the oldest of all, and standing for learning, bow to the usage of younger social fraternities as defended by a publishing house? Sentiment may persuade us to keep the original pronunciation of the founders, and I would accept that, even though it were not that of the ancient Greeks. But to throw overboard logic to follow the speech habits of our college paddle wielders is hardly in keeping with the pretensions of Phi Beta Kappa to leadership in the intellectual world.

BROOKS QUIMBY, Bates '18

Is This the End of the Battle?

New Haven, Conn.

You ask for suggestions on the moot pronunciation of the name of Φ B K, and I should like to make one, for what it may be worth. Let us begin with a few objections to the lexicographers. They blithely assume that we really do know *the* correct pronunciation of ancient Greek, and that our classroom pronunciation is to be equated with this. Now any *real* student of these matters knows that there are many doubtful points about ancient Greek pronunciation, and, furthermore, that it is quite incorrect to speak of *one* ancient pronunciation. The documents of Greek literature that we study come from a period more than 1000 years in length, and during this time it is reasonably certain that many a change took place in the pronunciation of the language. Which period will we pre-

sume to have pronounced "correctly"? Our classroom pronunciation is a mongrel; for some letters it has the earlier, for others the later sounds.

One of the more or less doubtful points is the letter *η*. That it was simply a long *e* is quite wrong; lengthened *e* is *ε*, not *η*. The latter was probably a very open sound, like the Italian open *e*, perhaps even like the vulgar American *a* in "glass." The length is the only certain thing about it. Very probably, however, it was not much like any English or American sound. But even if it was the same as the American *a* mentioned, we must remember that in American this sound is found only before certain consonants or pairs of consonants (e. g., *th*, *ss*, *st*, *nt*, *sp*, *ft* etc.) and never before a simple *t*. Those who would have us employ the Greek pronunciation, therefore, must advocate our using either an un-English sound, the precise nature of which is uncertain, or a vulgar American sound that does not occur in American before the consonant *t*. Either is difficult, and what is gained but incomprehensibility?

The letter *φ* was certainly not sounded like our *f*. Our *p* probably comes closest to it, but the aspiration, or puff of breath that always follows our *p* was probably somewhat stronger in the Greek sound. But if we equate *p* with *φ*, then how are we to pronounce *π*? With a softness of which we are hardly capable.

Our *k* is not the same as *κ* at all, but, just as our *p* is more like *φ* than *π*, so our *k* is nearer to *χ* than to *κ*. The same applies to our *t* as compared with *θ* and *τ*. In all three cases the Greeks made a distinction which our language does not observe, and which it would not only be difficult for us to make in speaking, but also would almost always fail to be understood in hearing.

And what about the *pp* in kappa? Shall we pronounce both the *p*'s, as the Italians do, and as we may be sure the Greeks did? It is very pretty, but it is also very un-English, and how many members of Φ B K would take the trouble to do it? How many of them, for all their learning, know the correct pronunciation (Cheer-st'n) of Kirsten Flagstad's first name? And how many regularly pronounce Hamburg according to the best German standards (Homboork)?

It is clear from what has been said that the correct Greek pronunciation of Φ B K is: (1) not certainly known; (2) not accurately reproducible, even if known; (3) not feasible for use, even if reproducible. Thus we *must* pronounce it incorrectly. Now why not give it an English, rather than a pseudo-Hellenic mis-



pronunciation? Thus "fie" and "cappa"; but "beeta"? I think not.

Beta is a foreign word, forever stamped as such by its form and orthography. It is an unmistakable tendency of English, and even more of American, to give foreign words a *different* pronunciation. But it is important to note that this different pronunciation nearly always consists of *native* sounds, even though these sounds are usually not the standard equivalents of the letters with which the foreign word is spelled. In the case of the letter *e*, where English differs so violently from most other languages, this tendency is most noticeable; cf. "fete," "consomme," "melee," and many others. The tendency prevents homophonies and the confusions that they lead to. Beta is a case in point; "beeta" is homophonous with the correct pronunciation of "beater" (Only Midwesterners and other persons similarly uncivilized pronounce the final *r*); "bayta," on the other hand, suggests nothing but beta. This is, I believe, not only the reason for its existence, but also the proof of its superiority. "Fie bayta cappa" is thus, to the true scholar, no bastard at all, but a legitimate and consistent offspring of native speech-tendencies. One can not, however, expect a lexicographer to know anything about those!

E. G. O'NEILL, Yale '32

NOTE.—For the facts of Greek pronunciation above given, see the excellent little book of Professor E. H. Sturtevant, "The Pronunciation of Latin and Greek."

Webster's New International Dictionary

Second Edition, 1935 — Editor in Chief, William Allan Neilson, Harvard Φ B K; and General Editor, Thomas A. Knott, Northwestern Φ B K:

"Phi Beta Kappa (fī bā'tā kăp'ā; fī bē'tā kăp'ā; fē bā'tā kăp'pā; *the order of pronunciation is according to present good use.*)"

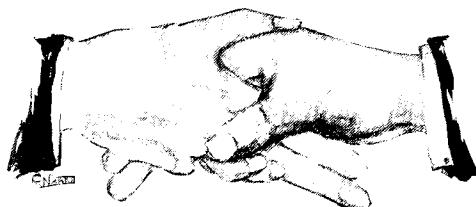
Taps!

A Key Presented to Φ B K

In 160 years Φ B K has presented many keys to individuals, but with increasing frequency the presentation is *vice versa*. Mrs. I. Henry Kirby recently donated to the Society's exhibit of old keys the key awarded her father-in-law, Isaac Henry Kirby, lawyer, by the Union Chapter in 1858. Mr. Kirby died in 1862.

The Φ B K Grip

In the artist's conception of the typical qualities of the Φ B K grip, the well-fed, confidently cordial hand extends from stylish cuffs to grasp the lean and slightly ascetic fingers of the youthful artist or intellectual student. This is the grip now



generally used by Φ B K members and described on page 7 of the previous issue of **THE KEY REPORTER** (where, by the way, the two cuts were accidentally interchanged) as follows: "Each member grasps with the little and ring fingers and the thumb of the right hand the first two fingers of the other member's right hand. When the hands come together with the fingers spread by twos, thus enabling the hands to straddle each other before mutually closing on the first two fingers, this handclasp will be found amazingly facile and fraternal."

Dr. Morton C. Stewart, Brown '94, long an officer of the Union Chapter and of the Upper Hudson Φ B K Association, writes that the first official illustration of the grip is not that in the Hobart Chapter records for 1871 but an exactly similar pen-sketch in the Union Chapter's record book dated 1817. Dr. Stewart says also that when he was initiated at Brown in 1893 this grip was given him by a superannuated minister, the only member present who knew it.

Keys Presented

Φ B K keys are purchased by the Henry Strong Educational Foundation of Chicago for students elected to Φ B K who have received loans from the Foundation. The corporation, which administers the educational endowment established by the will of Henry Strong, grants allotments of funds for this purpose to a group of colleges and universities in the north central states.

Owen D. Young's Service to ΦBK

By Ida M. Tarbell, ΦBK Allegheny

Author of "Owen D. Young—a New Type of Industrial Leader"¹

FOR four years the Chairman of the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation has been that wise and distinguished public servant Owen D. Young. Mr. Young resigned in December. He had no choice in the matter after accepting membership on the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. A proper ruling of that Organization is that a regent cannot hold an official position in any educational institute under state jurisdiction and Phi Beta Kappa holds its charter from the State of New York.

Losing Mr. Young as the Chairman of the Foundation does not mean that Phi Beta Kappa is losing him from its counsels. He remains as a member of the Senate and Finance Committee of the United Chapters. The importance of Mr. Young's continued interest in Phi Beta Kappa is not measured by his invaluable contribution to its executive and financial problems. His greatest contribution to the Society has always been, and no one can doubt that it will continue to be, the emphasis he places on the spirit of its objective. ΦBK has never had a better interpreter of its place in the educational life of the nation than Mr. Young. The function of the Society he has repeatedly emphasized is to promote the passion and the capacity for scholarship. As he sees it the key is no end in itself. It stands for more than a satisfied ideal. It must be a living something, a promise of growth.

Mr. Young has his own tests for the quality of the scholarship which deserves a Phi Beta Kappa honor.

He put his tests searchingly and concretely to a recent graduating class at his own Uni-

versity — St. Lawrence.² In his judgment the youth whom he talked would be able to meet the demands on the scholar of today in proportion to their understanding and their response to the questions he put:

"Have you enlarged your knowledge of obligations and increased your capacity to perform them?

"Have you developed your intuitions and made more sensitive your emotions?

"Have you discovered your mental aptitude?

"Have you learned enough about the machinery of society and its history to enable you to apply your gifts effectively?

"Have you acquired adequate skill in communication with others?"

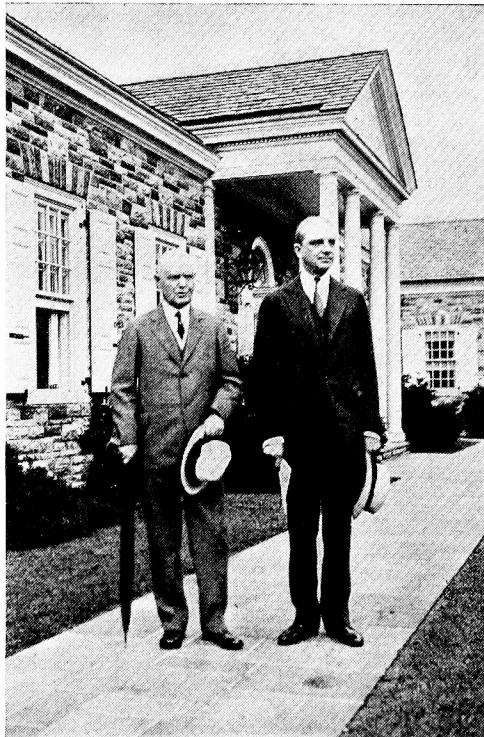
Here you have the kind of scholarship Mr. Young holds up as an objective for the Phi Beta Kappa honor. We can be sure he will foster it as long as he is active in the Society's counsels.

And may that be for many years.

He is needed.

¹ Price \$3. See page 53 for book service.

² For the complete address see *The American Scholar*, Vol. I, No. 1, January 1932, pages 65-71.



Owen D. Young (right) and Dr. Richard Eddy Sykes, ΦBK St. Lawrence, President Emeritus of St. Lawrence University, in front of the schoolhouse built by Mr. Young for Van Hornesville, New York, his birthplace

The Man of Many Chairs

By John H. Finley, et al.

WHEN you can't find him in his busy professional law office at 72 Wall Street, New York City, you will find up-town an avocational office with armchairs fencing in a long central table — or rather a long mound of papers and portfolios — and with another concentric quadrangle of armchairs with backs to the walls, every armchair filled to overflowing with papers, except one ample upholstered chair which will be filled to overflowing with John Kirkland Clark, Esquire.

If you perceive that in each of these armchairs rest documents concerning a different educational or eleemosynary organization which receives generously of the said John Kirkland Clark's time and talent, documents on the edge of chairs ready to catch his eye and spring up for his attention — the spring supplied by a young Φ B K woman who knows all the armchairs by name — you will surmise correctly that the successor to Mr. Owen D. Young as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation is a man of varied interests, lively intellect, and genuine charm. In his hands trust funds, and more precious trusts, are not only in safety but in service. Only a man of tremendous physical vitality and mental efficiency could take such an active part in so many movements. One constant factor runs through all his activities — a persistent belief in education, with a steady striving to advance its standards.

Born January 21, 1877, in Springfield, Massachusetts, where his father, the late Edward P. Clark, was the managing editor of the *Springfield Republican*, and his mother, Kate Upson Clark, was already a well-known writer and lecturer, John Clark inherited their extraordinary intellectual and progressive spirit. The family moved to New York, where John prepared for Yale. While there he distinguished himself as a

debater, being the first to participate in victorious debates against Harvard and Princeton in the same year. He was president of Φ B K and was voted as the man in



John Kirkland Clark

the class of 1899 who had done most for Yale College. He attended the Harvard Law School and became the secretary of the class of 1902. In Cambridge he debated for Harvard and was also an editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and captain of the first Harvard basketball team.

He began practice in New York with the famous firm of Hornblower, Byrne, Miller and Potter; later he was an associate of John Quinn. From 1910 to 1914 he served in the first of many public capacities as Assistant District Attorney under Charles S. Whitman; in 1914 he was also Counsel to the Legislative Commission of the New York Assembly to investigate dishonesty in



the State Departments. His early legal experience in New York City included a period as Assistant General Counsel for the New York Life Insurance Company.

In 1915 Mr. Clark struck out for himself and now heads the firm of Clark and Baldwin. In 1917 he was made Assistant Counsel in prosecution of charges of the City Club of New York against District Attorney Edward Swann and was also government appeal agent. For two years the Harvard Law School secured his services as lecturer on New York State Practice.

Mr. Clark has taken part in two of the outstanding public investigations of the past decade—as Associate Counsel to Commissioner Moses in the investigation of the City Trust Company's failure, and as Counsel to Commissioner Samuel Seabury, Hobart Φ B K, in the investigation of charges against District Attorney Crain. The National Civil Service Reform League elected him a member of their Council in 1929.

For the past fifteen years, Mr. Clark has been President of the New York State Board of Law Examiners, one of the most important and influential offices open to a member of the bar. Much of his practical understanding of the problem of admission to the bar has been disseminated beyond

the State through his services as a member of the American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education.

Among the many contributions of active interest given by John Kirkland Clark to varied organizations and activities are these: President of the Community Councils of the City of New York since 1926; member of the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association; Director of the Legal Aid Society; corresponding Secretary of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence, of which he is past President; past President of Phi Beta Kappa Alumni in New York; Senator of Φ B K; and past President of the Lions' Club of New York City. He is, of course, a member of several bar associations and of the American and New York Law Institutes.

His services to Φ B K in recent years as legal adviser and as a member of committees on graduate associations, on revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, and on finance, and particularly as a member of the Executive Committee of the Foundation, have been invaluable. Mr. Clark's presence at meetings of the Triennial Council and of the Φ B K Senate helps add breeze to an academic atmosphere—a breeze that blows the Society much good.

How to Know Φ B K

Study of the history of Φ B K and of the laws and practices of 122 Chapters, and the tabulation of them in a 160-page report, failed to give an adequate understanding of the great variety of principles and methods in the Society. In an endeavor to attain this understanding the Secretary of the United Chapters has in four years visited 72 Chapters and many Associations. On a single trip last spring, financed by honoraaria from addresses, he visited in the South 13 Chapters and 10 Associations, organized 6 new Associations, and gave addresses at 15 colleges interested in securing Chapters.

Westward Ho!

This Spring another such itinerary will take the Secretary to the Chapters at Washington University, the Universities

of Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado, Colorado College, University of Utah, Whitman College, State College of Washington, Universities of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California, Stanford University, Mills, Pomona, Occidental, and the Universities of California at Los Angeles, of Southern California, and of Arizona. Also Graduate Associations may be visited at St. Louis, Denver, Spokane, Tacoma, Corvallis, Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno, Southern California, Redlands, and Phoenix. In addition addresses will be made at Central College, University of Denver, University of Wyoming, Oregon State College, and several other institutions—a sort of working one's passage, for the United Chapters' budget cannot countenance much expenditure for travel.



Erasing Study Boundaries

By William Howes Collins, φ BK Williams '29

MUCH might be written concerning the tradition of European universities in our American educational system. The entire subject is fascinating, whether merely in its historical aspects or with respect to American reactions to influence from abroad on our educational system. During the past few decades we have more and more mapped our own courses, because individual development is essential if individual needs are to be satisfied. Yet, with all this, the increasing closeness — culturally at least — of nations has operated to promote knowledge of the best that educational systems offer in this country or that. Our ideas are studied on the other side of the Atlantic and we are constantly familiarizing ourselves with what is going on in educational fields in England and on the Continent. To all this, foreign students in the United States and our own students abroad have contributed and are contributing very decidedly.

To a great extent, until the time of the World War, Americans who went abroad to study confined their activities to the graduate and research fields. In addition there was, and in all likelihood will continue to be, a fairly steady stream of American boys and girls sent to Great Britain and the Continent for their primary and secondary education. But of recent years, beginning in the early twenties, study abroad has perceptibly broadened, receiving in fact such impetus that it is well on the way to becoming "popularized." The surmise is at least interesting that this

may have resulted in some measure from the fact that many American families had their introduction to Europe personalized by the War.

Whatever the cause, or causes, this extension of "Study Abroad" has not been at all confined to the fields of graduate work. Very particularly it has spread into fields relatively unknown two decades ago.



First, we have the exchange students. Colleges in this country accept a student from a certain university across the seas in return for reciprocal arrangements. The college here names its exchange student, sometimes subject to the approval of a controlling committee for the United States but more frequently subject to acceptance by the university abroad; one of these two procedures is followed here with respect to foreign students. For the most part our students going abroad are those

who have completed their bachelor requirements here. Several foundations have established similar exchange scholarships which they themselves administer. Usually the arrangement runs for one year but often it is renewed, provided the student has acquitted himself satisfactorily. The American student thus for a considerable time becomes part of the European undergraduate society.

Mention should also be made of the increasing number of fellowships for graduate study and of the Rhodes Scholarships, for which there is perhaps the keenest competition among undergraduates today.

One of the innovations of recent years

which has become increasingly and deservedly popular, for its worth has been definitely established, is the "Junior Year Abroad." The University of Delaware and Smith College pioneered in this field. Students who have completed their sophomore year with particularly high standing are sent to France, Germany, Spain, etc., to spend a year in one or two universities. They live in the homes of foreign families, thus getting an intimate chance to learn the manners, language and customs of the country; and at the same time they attend lectures at some university abroad while following supplementary tutorial courses under American professors there. At the close of the school year regular examinations are given by these professors and credit is certified to the students' own college. Certain of our schools here have gone so far as to set up their own "Junior Year Abroad," and this past year one of the foreign universities, that of Munich, has announced a "Junior Year Abroad," a course adapted to Americans. Some of the British universities are taking steps toward the expansion of these "Junior Year" courses, but these have not as yet come into as great vogue as those on the Con-

tinent, owing very probably, to the fact that the mastering of a foreign language is most frequently the primary reason for this departure in education.

Most remarkable in its mushroom-like development is the Summer School. In 1935 there were more than 200 courses offered by universities, schools, and other educational institutions outside the United States but catering to an American clientele. Practically every field of study from the liberal arts to scientific training was covered. The array of subjects from which the student might make his choice was remarkably comprehensive and suited to almost every taste and pocket-book.

The worth of a Summer Course from the point of view both of orientation and of gains in specific knowledge needs no elaborate justification. Of late in many American school systems teachers in order to qualify for a salary increase have been required to take further work. The Summer Course abroad has been recognized as a satisfactory fulfillment of this requirement.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Requests for further data on educational opportunities abroad and for general travel information may be addressed to *The Key Reporter*, 145 West 55th Street, New York, N. Y.

Φ BK Representatives

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Summer Meeting, June 24-29, 1935, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dr. W. H. Bussey and Professor George B. Frankforter, University of Minnesota.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Winter Meeting, December 30, 1935-January 4, 1936, St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. Caswell Grave and Dr. G. E. M. Jauncey, Washington University.

American Council on Education, May 3-4, 1935, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor of *The Dictionary of American Biography*.

Inauguration of President Fred P. Corson, Dickinson College, June 7, 1935; Professor Robert Fortenbaugh, Secretary Gettysburg Φ BK Chapter.

Inauguration of President W. S. A. Pott, Elmira College, October 26, 1935; Pro-

fessor Lanc Cooper, Cornell University.

Inauguration of President John A. Schaeffer, Franklin and Marshall College, December 6, 1935; Professor Robert Fortenbaugh, Secretary Gettysburg Φ BK Chapter.

Semicentennial Celebration of Rollins College, November 2-4, 1935; Dr. William A. Shimer, Secretary of the United Chapters.

Centennial Celebration of Wheaton College; Professor Walter O. McIntire, Wheaton College.

Sesquicentennial Celebration of the College of Charleston; Dr. William Watts Ball, Editor of the Charleston *News and Courier*.

Association of American Colleges, annual meeting, January 16-17, 1936, New York, N. Y.: Dr. William A. Shimer, Secretary of the United Chapters.

EDITORIAL

The Royal Road to Learning

ASK the Vedic priest memorizing his master's spoken words, or the Babylonian impressing his stylus in soft clay, or the medieval writer unrolling his precious parchment, to name the greatest boon to the modern world and he will answer: "Books! In books you have found the royal road to learning. The road to wisdom is paved with books, living books!"

The great amount of lecturing which still lingers in many colleges is largely a survival of medieval times when printing was costly and talk was cheap. Today fortunately the tables are turned. Now books are cheap — and plentiful, too plentiful; so abundant that careful selection is necessary.

The readers of THE KEY REPORTER will be grateful to the committee of competent persons (see page 53) who have consented to select books which they consider most significant. This list will appear in each issue of THE KEY REPORTER and should encourage many members to enjoy a continuing liberal education through the reading of more good books.

For the convenience of members and their friends and for the much-needed dealer's profit allowed by the publishers THE KEY REPORTER will gladly furnish information about books and will send postpaid any book on receipt of an order accompanied by a remittance of the publisher's price or the price indicated in the list beginning on page 53. Note "Special Offer" on that page also. Address orders to THE KEY REPORTER, 145 West 55th Street, New York, N. Y.

Another Royal Road to Learning

GOOD books and great teachers may be *the* royal road to learning but certainly *a* royal road is the actual road one may travel across the boundary of one's county, and beyond the frontiers and shores of one's country. This road is royal because it is so easily and pleasantly traveled, and because sojourn among different peoples helps fill the mind with new experience and with that breadth of understanding essential to good judgment and cultural appreciation.

In the belief that Φ B K members will welcome any assistance the Society can give in the continuance of their liberal education beyond their Commencements into the years of professional life which are all too likely to narrow interests and shrink personalities, THE KEY REPORTER offers to secure for its readers information about travel opportunities either in America or abroad, particularly trips or visits which will be not only recreational but educational. Address inquiries to THE KEY REPORTER, 145 West 55th Street, New York, N. Y.

"An Inglorious Fumble" "When Erudition Fails"

SUCH were headlines in the St. Louis *Post Dispatch*, the Troy *Times Record*, and other papers adding editorial salt to the wounds left by an Associated Press dispatch which named names. The painful editorial read:

The lordly colors of Phi Beta Kappa were dragged in the dust at Pelham the other night. They had a spelling bee there, with the pick of the town's business men on one side and on the other the high school boys. The boys, of course, won.

The typical business man has his qualities. He can take a syllogism apart and put it together



again. With a stitch here and a tuck there, he can imbue a lusterless product with desirability. Not often, to be sure, but now and then he can lay an approach dead on the pin. The fellow's spelling, though, is done by his stenographer.

But among business men of Pelham, on the fateful night, was the editor of *The American Scholar*, quarterly magazine of Phi Beta Kappa. As everybody knows, erudition has marked that publication for its own. Here knowledge strides in proud assurance. Here culture splashes into the fourth dimension. Here education sits contentedly at home. Yet the Phi Beta Kappa editor was the first of the business men to stumble and fall. The word that tripped him was "sateen."

Let us hope his fellow scholastics will know what to do with this erring brother. They will, too, if they can spell "the gate."

If they do spell "the gate," the Pelham Chamber of Commerce will undoubtedly offer a relief job in gratitude for the publicity given the town and one of the best school systems in the country — even teachers of first-grade children must have an A.B. degree and are paid on the same scale as the high school teachers. Moreover, this publicity has led other communities to hold spelling bees. — Ah, he can spell "salve!"

Φ BK Keys

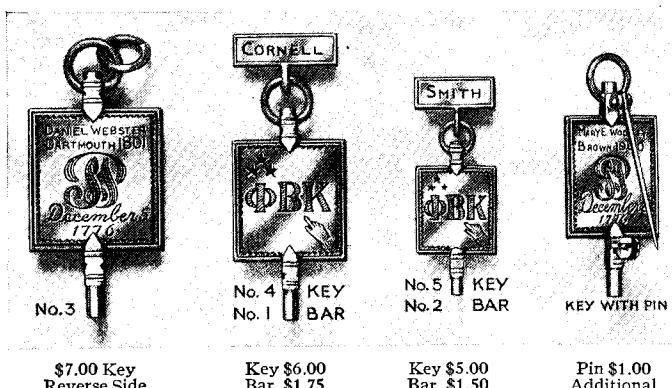
To order a Φ BK key, send the amount indicated to Phi Beta Kappa, 145 West 55th Street, New York, N. Y. Prices include hand-finished machine engraving; for hand engraving add \$1.00 to price given. Any key may be ordered with a bar or a pin attachment for the additional price shown. Print name of member and Chapter and the year of election as they should be engraved on the key.

Size of Keys

(omitting stems)

No.	Width	Height
3	11/16 in.	3/4 in.
4	19/32 in.	5/8 in.
5	13/32 in.	15/32 in.

The cut may make keys appear slightly larger than actual size.



\$7.00 Key
Reverse Side

Key \$6.00
Bar \$1.75

Key \$5.00
Bar \$1.50

Pin \$1.00
Additional

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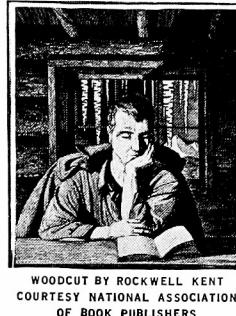
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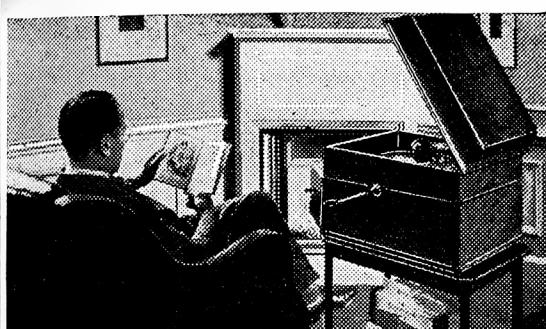
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The first members seem to have had definite ends in mind, and made the Society a means to those ends. Only those persons were eligible to membership who would presumably help the Society to achieve those ends. With the passing of time, however, it was inevitable that some persons should regard membership as a thing so valuable that it became a worthy end in itself — a reward of merit, like an honorary degree. So we find the new chapters of 1830-70 electing not only undergraduates but also alumni. New York University elected 99 graduates and 17 other distinguished persons. Brown elected 144 alumni. Hamilton College elected only 14 alumni at the start; after waiting 20 years she added 188 alumni to her roll. Williams elected all former honor graduates without considering the fact that 47 of these had already died.

Obviously 47 deceased alumni could not do much in this world to promote the ends for which Phi Beta Kappa was organized. Less obviously but no less certainly the living alumni of the various branches could not and did not do much more. Many of them never even bothered to buy a key. Perhaps two-thirds of them never sat in a regular meeting of the Society.

The Society, not too old to learn the lessons of history, has reformed to some extent in this matter of too generous elections backward. Though the ends of the Society may have changed somewhat, the persons who can help the Society to achieve those ends today must be young, alive, and deeply interested in the welfare of Phi Beta Kappa.

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On March 6 Dr. William Mansfield Clark, Johns Hopkins '29, will be awarded the William H. Nichols Medal of the New York section of the American Chemical Society, for "researches of incalculable value to human welfare." Dr. Clark has been professor of physiological chemistry at Johns Hopkins University since 1927.

Dr. Frank Pierrepont Graves, Columbia '90, Φ BK Senator, has been appointed fellow of Union College by Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, President of the College and a member of the Committee on the History of Φ BK. The office of honorary fellow was instituted by Dr. Fox to bring the experience of world leaders into college discussions.

The recently elected president of the American Economic Association is Dr. Alvin S. Johnson, Nebraska '97. Dr. Johnson, a member of the Editorial Board of *The American Scholar*, has been director of the New School for Social Research since 1923.

Of the fourteen persons appointed by the American Council on Education as a commission to study problems in the care and education of American youth, eight are members of Φ BK: Newton D. Baker, Washington and Lee '24; Lotus D. Coffman, Indiana '19; Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Ohio State '05; Henry I. Harriman, Wesleyan '95; Robert M. Hutchins, Yale '21; Chester H. Rowell, Stanford '11; William F. Russell, Cornell '10; and Miriam Van Waters, Oregon '23.

The Nanking Nationalist Government has appointed Sao-Ke Alfred Sze, Cornell '21, as first Chinese Ambassador to the United States.

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THREE YEARS OF DR. ROOSEVELT

by H. L. MENCKEN

"**Q**UACKS are always friendly and ingratiating fellows, and not infrequently their antics are very amusing. The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, LL.D., is typical of the species. There has never been a more amiable President, not even excepting the Martyr Harding, and there has never been a better showman, not even excepting Roosevelt I. He likes to have confident, merry people about him, and to turn the light of a Christian Science smile upon the snares and ambuscades of his job. So characteristic is this smile that when, after the Dred Schechter decision last May, he appeared at a press conference with a Mussolini frown, the Washington correspondents were so upset that they rushed out to spread the report that he had gone *mashuggah*.

But quackery, of course, also has its sober side, and the principles thereof may be traced back to the childhood of the human race. First, scare your patient into believing that the pain in his tummy is the beginning of cancer, and then sell him something to warm him while the *vis medicatrix naturae* does its immemorial work. If it be God's will that he should die, then no one will complain save his orphans and creditors; if it be God's will that he should get well, then he will sign a testimonial that you cured him. Here, obviously, we have the basic metaphysic of the New Deal. It began with a din of alarming blather about the collapse of capitalism, the ruin of the Republic, and the imminence of revolution, and it is ending with claims that the failure of these catastrophes to come off has been due to the medicaments of Dr. Roosevelt and his Brain Trust. In neither half of this imposture is there any truth whatsoever. . . ."

Here is the New Deal stripped clean of all its buncombe and all its brazen ballyhoo. The sight is frankly not a pretty one. This is a must article for every intelligent American.

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ARE THE CAPITALISTS ASLEEP?	Harold Lord Varney
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Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Michigan '09, chancellor emeritus, New York University, U. S. Commissioner of Education 1906-11, November 3, 1935, age 73.

William Elwood Byerly, Harvard '71, dean of American mathematicians, professor emeritus, Harvard University, December 20, 1935, age 86.

William John Cooper, California '06, professor of education, George Washington University, former U. S. Commissioner of Education, September 19, 1935, age 52.

Bronson M. Cutting, Harvard '10, U. S. Senator from New Mexico, May 6, 1935, age 47.

Charles Loomis Dana, Dartmouth '72, dean of American neurologists, December 12, 1935, age 83.

Katharine Bement Davis, Vassar '99, former Commissioner of Correction in New York City, social worker, December 10, 1935, age 75.

Joseph Villiers Denney, Ohio State '05, professor of English, Ohio State University, June 19, 1935, age 73.

A. Bledsoe Dinwiddie, Tulane '09, president, Tulane University, November 21, 1935, age 64.

Nathan Haskell Dole, Tufts '04, man of letters, May 9, 1935, age 82.

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Oliver Wendell Holmes, Harvard '61, retired associate justice U. S. Supreme Court, March 6, 1935, age 93.

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James W. MacKaye, Harvard '32, professor of philosophy, Dartmouth College, January 22, 1935, age 62.

Howard McClenahan, Princeton '12, former dean, Princeton University, December 16, 1935, age 63.

Lafayette Benedict Mendel, Yale '91, first president of American Institute of Nutrition, Sterling professor of physiological chemistry, Yale University, December 9, 1935, age 63.

Luella Miner, Oberlin '10, founder of Women's College of Peiping University, dean of women and professor of religious education, Shantung Christian University, December 3, 1935, age 74.

George F. Mull, Franklin and Marshall '08, emeritus professor of Latin, Franklin and Marshall College, December 22, 1935, age 84.

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Mary '25, Southern poet and educator, December 17, 1935, age 79.

Benjamin Lincoln Robinson, Harvard '87, botanist, July 28, 1935, age 70.

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Walter J. Shepard, Ohio State '30, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Ohio State University, January 25, age 59.

Major General William L. Sibert, Alabama '29, engineer, October 16, 1935, age 75.

Jeremiah Smith, Harvard '27, financier-diplomat, March 12, 1935, age 65.

E. Hershey Sneath, Harvard '80, emeritus professor of philosophy, Yale University, December 20, 1935, age 78.

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William Cushing Wait, Harvard '82, Massachusetts Supreme Court justice, January 28, 1935, age 74.

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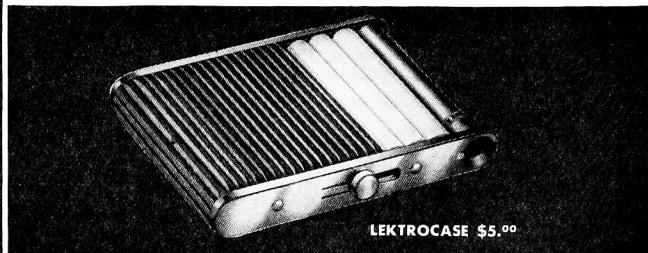
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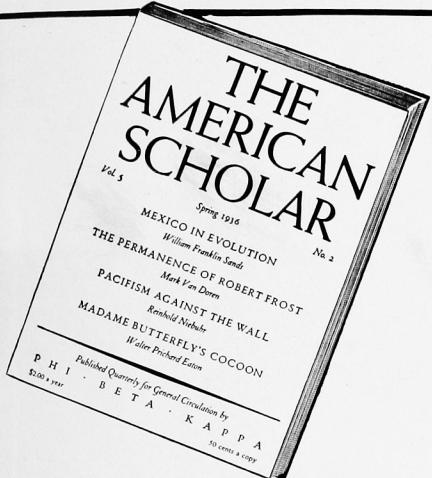
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