

am proud, and Willard Fiske, whose death I deplore. I have heard misgivings about the system of Fraternities expressed in a quarter deserving of respect. There are no doubt varieties of character among them, and there may be evils against which it is necessary to guard. There may be danger of cliquishness. But in a University of three thousand students there must be inner circles, and there seems no reason for believing that Fraternities are likely to be more cliquish than inner social circles otherwise formed would be. Oxford and Cambridge are federations of colleges, by each of which to some extent inner social circles are formed. What the colleges do for Oxford and Cambridge, Fraternities do in a different way here. Friendships and interchange of ideas are secondary objects of college life, compared with study; yet they are important objects, as any one looking back upon his college life will feel. A Fraternity is surely better for this purpose than a dormitory. Nor does the connection wholly end there. You have still the Fraternity record, linking the lives in some measure together and serving perhaps in a slight degree to help in keeping the path of honour. In this wide continent, with its vast and shifting population, where a life begun in New York is continued in Chicago and ends in California, we should be grains in