

of a pleasant club-house, the society of three or four members of his own class, and that of ten or twelve juniors and about the same number of seniors. He pays as much attention as he deems necessary to studies, spending the greater part of his time in the clubs where he finds congenial society and makes lasting friendships. In his junior year he is elected to become a member of the coveted Hasty Pudding Club, and the height of his social career is reached.

Into these social clubs about one-third of Harvard's men go, satisfied with the ease and good company which they afford and blissfully indifferent toward all college activities. It sometimes happens that a few superior men get into them, who continue to be forces in college. They are leaders of men and it is the instinct of leaders to lead wherever they may be, even if for no other purpose than for mere leadership's sake.

The feeling of envy and petty jealousy among non-fraternity men is not so bitter as formerly when the societies had smaller numbers to select from. Nearly two-thirds of the students are left out of the purely social clubs, many as well qualified as those who have been selected. Their failure to get into one of these clubs implies no serious disparagement of social qualities.

The system of secret societies in Yale is strongly organized, and more extensive in its operations than at Harvard. Like Harvard, there is the class basis, each year having societies peculiar to that class. In the freshman year there are the Kappa Sigma Epsilon representing literary excellence, the Delta Kappa representing good fellowship, the Gamma Nu, an open society of hard-working scholarship.

Among sophomore societies are the Phi Theta Psi and Delta Beta Xi which are select in character, and whose members have turned their backs on heavy literary performances of freshmen days to the other extreme of doing as little as possible. The verdict against them is that while they do not exactly encourage dissipation they are merely purposeless in character.

Belonging to the senior year are the famous "Skull and Bones" and "Scroll and Keys," clubs absolutely secret and whose members approve neither of pledging nor electioneering. In theory, membership is made up of the best men of the year, fifteen in each society, noted either for scholarship, literary ability, athletic prowess, good fellowship, or great wealth. Nothing in the world seems more desirable to the Yale senior than an election to one of these societies. It is valued more highly than any other college prize or honor and