in some cases college honors are sought because of the influence they might bear. Membership in the "Bones and the Keys" is really valuable since it introduces a man to the best graduates of Yale wherever he might be and secures for him entertainment by able undergraduates on his return to his Alma Mater. Both clubs have developed men of great pride and generosity. In their attitude toward the public the "Skull and Bones" makes no display while the "Keys" is ostentatious. This spirit is typical of the members in each,—"Bones" gathering in men of real ability and the "Keys" men of brilliant social qualities.

For many years the neutrals continued to be bitterly hostile toward both these secret societies, but the hard feeling is gradually disappearing. Senior societies in other colleges have tried to imitate the "Bones" and the "Keys" but have always failed. They seem to have a distinctive character of their own which belongs to Yale alone. The Yale system of lower-class societies makes possible the sifting of men so that the ablest students are well-marked characters by the end of the junior year. The Harvard system might have developed like Yale had it not developed social clubs on the basis of congeniality. Furthermore, it would be hard at present to develop a system of societies on a class basis owing to the elective system which does away with close class sympathy. The freshman, instead of meeting freshmen only in his classes may now be thrown among students of all classes. In 1855 Princeton abolished all secret societies and has claimed immunity from factions and petty jealousies because of this action.

In larger universities and especially in the West there is a struggle between fraternities and neutrals for supremacy in politics. The fraternities bind themselves together, working with organized plan, and the neutrals, though they outnumber their opponents, will often lose the day for want of a good leader and a definite plan of action.

Whether the ultimate end of fraternity influence on the individual or his college is for the best is still an open question. Able college men argue on both sides. One prominent college graduate gives it as his opinion that his fratrnity experiences are the most valuable portion of his college training, while another equally as prominent says they are the chief cause of dissipation, and neglect of studies, and they interfere with the highest scholarly progress of the very best fellows. Objections raised by those who have made special study of the question is that they divide the college into factions, thereby promoting envy and jealousy. They are contrary to the