provided with the most comfortable chairs in a “Kneip,” and other things of this kind, and, besides, he is obliged to fight duels. He has a certain time given him, I think from two to four months, in which to take lessons—at least one a day.

The members of different corps never recognize each other during the time while the term is in progress, but those at the head of each corps meet and arrange the duels, and the members fight as they decide. This fighting takes place every Tuesday and Friday, from 9 A.M. till 3 P.M.; and, as a result, the students who have been fighting soon appear with their faces done up in cotton and carbolic acid. In these duels it is impossible for any one to be killed, for the combatants wear about the neck and body thick leather pads, and thick glasses before the eyes, so that the only place where they are cut is on the face. The students are very proud of these cuts, and in case they see that the scar will not be very noticeable, it is often a fact that they tear it open and pour wine into it. After a student has fought a certain fixed number of duels (some ten or twelve), he receives a band of ribbon, which he wears across his breast, under his coat; upon receipt of his first band he is free from all fighting unless he desires it, but it is a rare case that a student stops with one band, but often fights till he gains four or five. Although this fighting is against the law, the police take little or no notice of it, and it goes on undisturbed.

That the student is a favored individual, may be illustrated by the fact that there is a separate prison for him, in case he overreaches the law; if this happens, and a policeman attempts to arrest him, he is immediately released upon stating that he is a student. The officer then asks for his card, and upon receiving it, nothing more is said at the time, but in course of a few days he receives a notice asking him, at his convenience, to appear at the Students’ Prison, and let himself be locked up for three or four days. If he does not put into appearance there within two or three weeks, he receives another notice to the same effect. When it suits him he goes to the prison a day or two before he is to take up his quarters there, and chooses his room; then he has necessary articles moved in, such as bed, chairs, etc., and invites all his friends to call in and see him during the evenings, while he is there. But as to being locked up, the prison is only a place where he sleeps, he being at liberty all day; he goes out in the morning in time for the first lecture at the University, which is at seven o’clock, and is reminded to be in by nine o’clock in the evening. He can spend his time as he likes, although he is expected to be devoting it to his studies. In the evening he returns, and fills up the room with his companions; they send for beer, and the beer-maid appears with a tray full, and is not allowed to depart till she drinks with them, which of course she gladly does, although making it appear much against her will. These proceedings are carried on during most of the night, and at early dawn the weary students wend their ways to their lodgings, to indulge in restless sleep. This continues during the remaining nights of the imprisonment. Almost every student makes it a point to be in this prison at least once, if for nothing else than to carve his name on every vacant space he can find, which is often a difficult thing to do. The walls and ceiling are carved and painted with every one’s name who has ever been there, and the poetry composed for the occasion is so witty that it is deemed worthy of publication in book form. Among the names which appear on the walls is that of Bismarck, who is said to have had an extensive record in dueling. The room called “Solitude” is one mass of students’ pictures, which they have left there nailed to the wall, with their name underneath.

At the end of the University year the corps students have a torchlight procession, when they are dressed in full corps uniform, carrying their foils with them. But as to carrying a torch, that they will not do, so they hire boys to walk beside them and carry it for them. They march over the principal streets to the house where the duels are fought, and there hold a grand “Kneip” together, lasting all night, after which the students of the different corps may associate