

strange to say we did not feel greatly complimented; and it is only when we are asked point blank, that we will plead guilty to the charge of having received a bid. It is really nothing to be proud of. We have known barbarians who were greatly insulted and deeply mortified because of having been thought fit candidates for an aggregation of pin-wearing snobs. Since the *Wesleyan* desires to know, and innocently wonders why our best men do not join fraternities, we will speak candidly. In this institution, the fraternities have really no inducement to offer to good men. In college politics, their plaintive wail is entirely inaudible; in the class room, their record does not shed sufficient lustre to attract men to their ranks; on their literary work, we must refrain from passing too severe judgement; because, having seen none of it, we know nothing of its excellence. But we suppose that we may be pardoned for suggesting that since they have no organ to represent them, since work in a literary society is so very disagreeable to them that they have annually organized a society only that it should die an annual death, since they have yet to compete for oratorical honors, they are not dangerously literarily inclined. Yes there are here, as in every college, a few meek, timid, low cut vested fellows, who live that people may look at them, who know nothing of college enthusiasm, who would fly from a class war as from a pestilence, who are going through college, not on account of any ambition of their own, but because they are sent; and we suppose that after all it is probably a blessing that the fraternities should furnish an asylum where such fellows will be cared for.

IF IT were not for the excitement caused by the annual HESPERIAN election, affairs would be exceedingly tame at the University. This, the great event of every year, completely overshadows everything else. Lessons are neglected, the sessions of the legislature are no longer visited by our students, and confusion reigns in the halls. However, we do not desire to say anything against such political excitement. If conducted in an honorable and upright manner, political contests result in much good. They teach students to value and appreciate the abilities of each other, and to have due regard for the opinions of those who honestly differ from them.

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