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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE HESPERIAN wishes to keep before the mind of its readers the desirability of organizing a United States congress, in the near future. After thinking the matter over carefully, and after consulting several members of the faculty concerning it, we believe that the university will be large enough, another year, to make a congress successful. Professor Caldwell is of the opinion that we should organize next term. If we do, when the students return next fall everything will be in running order. There are a great many questions concerning organization that must be settled. It is time for us to begin thinking about them. For instance, shall it be open to the whole university, to the college classes alone, or to the three upper classes? Shall the officers be elected for the whole year, or for one semester only? To what offices will the students be eligible? Shall we be confined to seats in the two houses exclusively? What scheme can be devised to give the different states their significance? These are only a few of the many questions that we shall have to decide.

THE time has come when more open literary societies are necessary. The old societies are no longer able to accommodate all the students. Present indications tell us that the university will have, at least, nine hundred students next year. Unless something is done, what will many of these do for literary advantages? This is a question that should concern not only the students, but the faculty as well. The need of new societies has been felt for some time. There are enough students in the university to-day, besides those that belong to fraternities, to support six literary societies. In reality, no society should have more than sixty members. The members in a society of that size, might take part in literary exercises two or three times each term. When the membership exceeds sixty, the society will not, as a rule, be prosperous. The members depend too much upon each other. One waits for another. Hence, everything seems to drag. On the contrary, when there are only a few in the society, every one does their part. Every member feels that he has an individual duty to perform. The result is he does it. A smaller society is always thrifty. When the societies are working hard to get new members, they always do better literary work. Greater care is taken