

were seated on the steps near by. By eight o'clock the office was opened and one after another was sent away in despair for the *Sombrero* had not yet come. At nine o'clock the campus was crowded with subscribers demanding their annuals. In the midst of the great multitude stood Wing and Sayer, the business managers, trying to pacify the people. It was useless. For two hours the surging, seething mass of humanity asked the same question, "When will the *Sombrero* be up?" But at last they came and were eagerly devoured—speaking from a literary standpoint—by the impatient mob. Many wished after they had read them that they had not, but on the whole everyone seemed to be well satisfied, and the class of '93 is to be congratulated for their noble effort. For many years it has been the custom among eastern schools for the junior class to publish an annual, but the class of '93 has made the first attempt here, and have succeeded, perhaps, beyond their expectations. Many will open their *Sombreros* years hence and spend a pleasant hour glancing over its bright pages. There are a few jokes within its pages, perhaps, not the best, but there are sufficient good features in it to more than redeem it from criticism from this quarter. Every student should possess a copy of the *Sombrero*.

OUR university debating club has proven to be such a complete success that we believe it could be converted into a congress, another year, with satisfactory results. Next year we will have, at least, one thousand students. If the students will take hold of the congress with as much interest as they have shown in the club, there is no reason why a congress cannot be made successful. A congress will not only teach us how to debate, but it will also teach us the workings of our national government. Bills will be introduced, filed, and read the third time as they are in the United States congress. Under such an organization, we will be enabled to study the machinery of our government. That we should know something about.

At Ann Arbor, they have a president and both houses of congress. The law college controls the senate, and the academic college, the lower house. The president is a member of the faculty and chooses his cabinet from the same body. The two houses are officered from the students. Of course Ann Arbor is a great university, and can conduct both houses as well as one. A great deal of interest is shown in the work, which makes it a complete success. They take up the same subjects that are discussed in Washington. The bills are drawn up with great care and precision in respect to both word and form. They must pass both houses before going to the president.

At Leland Stanford Jr. university, they only have a president and the lower house of congress. There also, the congress has been a success. These are both western colleges, and are run by western men. Nebraska has always been noted for its push and enterprise. THE HESPERIAN believes that the same characteristic dwells in the students of the state university. We can see no reason why our university cannot conduct a congress that will be a credit to our institution. Let us take hold of this matter in earnest when we return next fall. Let every student go to his home this summer with the thought of a congress uppermost in his mind, and return in September prepared to perfect such an organization.

AT Ann Arbor, Mich., May 17, a national political college league was organized. Our greatest statesmen have pronounced it to be the dawn of a new era in politics. Not because it was inaugurated by a particular party, but because it is a step taken by the young men of the greatest colleges of America. We believe that anything that will draw young men, especially college men, into politics, should be hailed with joy. College men, above all others, desire to see politics purified. They are without political ambition. Their sole aim is to see the best men put forward, and elected by the cleanest methods. If they enter the political field, it will be from a sense of duty. No thought of self aggrandisement will enter their minds. Upon their banner will stand forth in large letters the words, honesty, purity. When men with such purposes take the stump politics will be purified. College men will lift parties to their level, because they will not stoop to the low underhand methods of scheming politicians. No party will dare conduct its machinery contrary to the wishes of college men. If they did, they would surely fall.

The college league will lead students to study the great questions that confront the American people. This will necessitate an understanding of the practical workings of our government. As a rule, students are inclined to be too theoretical. They follow too closely to the theories propounded in books. We believe it is well to study practical ideas along with the theoretical. It is necessary for men to commit themselves on political questions at some time. Why is it not better to take an active stand early in life, than a passive stand a little later? It is surely better for men to study political and economic questions and form their opinions while they are yet pure and give the people the benefit of their honest convictions, than to wait until they have been tainted and corrupted with the greed for office, and then inflict upon the people their selfish ideas. It is better for the young man, and better for the community at large