

By our system of education the student finds little opportunity for acquiring a knowledge of the practical affairs of life; and to satisfy his ambition, he must establish enterprises of his own. It was under this spirit of activity that the student originated the College Journal, and now when he contemplates that there is hardly a college in this country, that has not its magazine, he must have some anxiety concerning the destination of his enterprise.

But regardless of its formation and rapid growth, the bold question now presents itself, as to what shall be its license, what its liberty, what its freedom of speech.

It is evident that the primitive idea of a college journal, was the discipline to be derived from writing upon subjects that require some thought and skill in narration. But no sooner had this been established than it was found interesting to introduce the local news of the institution.

So at the present day we find college journals of all descriptions. Some are filled almost entirely with abstract themes, while others going to an opposite extreme glow with bright and witty sayings of college jocularities. Entering the homes of students they go far towards establishing in the minds of the household the influence that surrounds the son or daughter away at college. It is in the columns of the college paper, that the sentiments and literary ability of the student are made known. Carrying with it this information, its influence can only be the more augmented. But whatever may be its description or its influence, its appearance greatly represents the force and character of the college from which it is issued. The officers of the institution must then have some anxiety as to the sentiment of such a representation.

With such a trust, what course is to be pursued? It is supposed that students between the ages of twenty and thirty have some idea of right and wrong.

They have at least the age to investigate for themselves and the judgement to accept the theories and opinions of others. Or, if accommodations are to be made better, students by their experience and situation know what would best accommodate themselves.

It is certainly one of the greatest aims of every institution to offer the best accommodations for its students. It is then necessary that the wants of the students be understood; and in no better way can this be ascertained than through the columns of his journal. The student has little opportunity for discussion in the class-room; and if the college press be denied him experience has doubly proved a woful retaliation,—the use of the public press. It is, then, for the benefit of all that the student be allowed to speak freely upon any feature that can be improved or that will aid him in his work.

Freedom of speech is the characteristic of the age. It is in reality the great teacher of humanity, and to it we must all conform. This then must be the guide of the college journal, this the extent of its license; and so long as it conforms to truth, good judgment and due respect, no trouble can ever arise, since truth will at all times stand investigation. The growth of college journalism so long as built upon such a basis can never be too rank nor its power too aggressive.

A NEED.

At the opening of every term, new students come among us and others often change their boarding places. The winter term is not far distant and it seems a suitable time to call attention to the lack of accommodations for those students who board themselves. For such as hire their board, it is not a very difficult matter to find lodgings, and next term, when the new dormitory is completed, board can doubtless be had at cheaper rates than hitherto. But after all the reductions which we expect in boarding rates, there