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THE COLLEGE PRESS.

The real significance of the college press as an institution is not, perhaps, always perceived. Yet in mere bulk it comes immediately after the agricultural press, which itself is overtopped by the religious. The college student turns out a larger number of periodicals than any of the other "special interest" or "class" publication, such as labor, medicine, science, Sunday-school, or education itself. One of the newspaper directories, which is manifestly incomplete in this department, lists 322 collegiate monthlies, bi-weeklies, weeklies, and dailies. Besides those overlooked, every respectable high-school nowadays maintains a "paper," and these fall in essentially the same category."

"The debating society is an older feature of college life which new interests may overshadow but do not destroy. So long as the bulk of sophomores and freshmen put down "law" as their chosen vocation, as a sort of safe generalization which, like the politician's "real estate," does not commit him to anything, the debating club will be maintained, if for no other motive than its supposedly utilitarian purpose of training in forensics. Directed as both these agencies are by men who have been unable to "make the team," we naturally should not look for the same lofty standards and ideals as on the athletic field. For instance, they do not ban but welcome "professionals." If an assistant editor of the literary monthly of a fresh-water college has a poem accepted by "a leading Eastern magazine," it is an event which brings pride to all his colleagues. And if a senior of Adelpia or Philomathia attains to such proficiency as an orator that a campaign committee sends him out on the stump in the autumn, and he comes back a little the richer, he remains just as eligible to the intercollegiate debates."

"Professor Baker of Harvard, in his recent article in the