

the good Father will not consign his well-trained pen to ignoble inactivity among the Western pines, and that the REVIEW may occasionally have the benefit of his literary taste and ability.

To the student body we have a word—or rather two—to say. Our first word is one of welcome. To all the students the REVIEW extends a hearty welcome. Welcome, old acquaintances; welcome, ye new-comers, our acquaintances to be. Our second word is one of advice. Write for the REVIEW. Let not the labor terrify you. The reward is worth the pains. Facility of expression, grace of diction, and precision of ideas all come by writing; and these are prizes worth winning. Nor need your writing interfere with the work of the class-room. Put more labor into your compositions for class. Read beyond the text-book; collect, compare, and sift; study and assimilate; then write, and class distinction and the fame of authorship are yours at once,—to say nothing of a prospective place on the editorial board of THE REVIEW.

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## A DUTY OF OURS.

We suppose that every student who follows the University Course, aims at a professional career. Now, upon the Catholic professional man of the present day, devolves a serious duty, the duty, not only of living up to the faith that is in him, but of being ever ready to defend that faith, ever ready to do battle for the cause of truth and for the rights of the Church. This duty has been more than once plainly inculcated by our Holy Father the Pope. In his great encyclical "On the Duties of Christian Citizens," Leo XIII touches upon the Church's office of teaching, and immediately adds: "Let no one imagine, however, that all participation in this work is denied to private individuals on whom God has bestowed talents with zeal for doing good." "Among the duties," says the Holy Father, "which unite us to God and to the Church, this one holds a foremost place—namely, that each one should strive with might and main, to propagate Christian truth, and to banish errors." Now one of the most effective means for the propagation of Christian truth and the overthrow of