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Editorials.

THE JOURNAL has, this year, in its various columns called attention to many important features of college life, and has ventured, on a few notable occasions, to offer certain suggestions regarding matters where improvement seemed possible or necessary. In many cases the proposals made in our columns have met with ready approval and have been acted upon without delay. It has seemed to us that the JOURNAL had a high purpose to serve and that it must utter itself with decision and promptitude on all questions of importance. Accordingly, we have endeavored to follow out our conception of what a College Journal ought to be and have spoken out unhesitatingly, and fearlessly, according to the light we possessed, on all questions where principles were involved. If the time ever comes when the editors must restrain

their hands through fear of their fellows, so that he states in a timid, faltering fashion what should have been uttered with unrestrained vigor, from that time will date its downfall. As soon as it ceases to be vital, spontaneous and free, just so soon will it cease to be serviceable to the students or to the University. Errors may creep into College Journals as well as into every other publication, but any attempt at terrorizing those who gratuitously but conscientiously labor in behalf of the University would be absolutely ruinous to vigorous journalism. The primary principle and attitude of the staff for this session has been "absolute fearlessness of the constituency it served." We have not the slightest doubt that the new staff will assume the same attitude throughout the next volume. Strength lies in courageous freedom which sends forth nothing crippled with the palsy of fear.

We have borne, much criticism but, on the other hand we have received numerous expressions of the highest praise for our efforts to give to our readers a high class College Journal. We have received many letters from all parts, telling us in plain words that we have succeeded splendidly in this. This may seem like self-praise but our purpose in mentioning these facts, is far deeper than that. We may, in this way, point out to the next staff that college journalism is not entirely a thankless task, and that careful work is much appreciated, especially by those friends beyond our walls. This may also serve to show our friends that their kind encouraging words are much appreciated; and we may also add that they are not only appreciated but are very valuable.