

explain this fact, by stating that our papers are supervised by some "Boss," or Rev. Father, who does the thinking for them. Underlying this assertion, there is a vile and cowardly insinuation, to which we consider it our duty to refer. We can well surmise the impelling motive of such a charge. Prejudice, thou art the fruitful mother of abuse! A college journal is, as the very name implies, a journal devoted to the interests of the student. Its aim is, or at least should be, as far as the editorial columns are concerned, to instruct him upon what are his duties and obligations; to aid him in the pursuit of his studies; to suggest methods of procedure; to regulate what is palpably wrong in his ideas of discipline; to criticise his unbecoming conduct with the desire of reforming it; to keep alive the kindly feeling that should exist between him and his "Alma Mater," once he has passed her portals. We have always endeavored to proceed upon these lines; we have studiously and judiciously kept aloof from the discussion of topics that are foreign to the nature of a college journal, because we have always striven to be, what a good paper should be, interesting and readable; and for this, we are told by some confident observers, through a desire, no doubt, of appearing profound, that we have not as yet grasped the spirit of the age. They condemn Catholic college papers for not being independent, because no rupture exists between them and the faculty. Let that rupture once exist, and behold! we are put down as being outspoken and independent. Between assumed and real independence, there is an unmeasurable distance. The latter we claim, the former we will graciously concede to our critical friends elsewhere. We claim it, because we enjoy the independence of being just, true and honorable. We will, for the sake of argument, admit that some Rev. Father *guides*, not *does*, the thinking, and what

does this prove. Is not how to think a part of our education? Is it not the duty of those to whom our education is entrusted to teach it to us. Besides it must be evident to all, whose mental vision is not sadly distorted, that this Rev. Father has at heart the interest of the student, and, in consequence, the interest of the students' journal. The Rev. Father may be, moreover, a man experienced in the affairs of life, acquainted by long experience with the tastes and inclinations of his students and alumni, and hence capable of pronouncing upon what would be expedient to publish, in order that the college journal might be interesting to those whose interest is its aim, a chronicle of real serious student work, not of student "fun." He is much better informed upon these matters than those youthful prodigies who rush into print, and consider that the highest flight of literary genius is the indiscriminate and lavish scattering of abuse. One of the strongest arguments to establish the judiciousness of the Rev. Father's supervision is had in the publication of the articles to which we have referred. We verily believe that should the faculties of the institutions whence these journals emanate view some of the productions of their youthful subjects, they would have been loath to allow their becoming public property. We regret that occurrences have made these few words of reproof necessary, because we regret that these outpourings of malice should have blackened the pages of a paper, that presumes to style itself a college journal.

ATTENTION?

The question of our spring pastimes should now engage our attention. With our splendid facilities, there is no reason why we should not make as enviable a reputation in the other spheres of Athletics, as we have already