

Perhaps the greatest privilege which this people ever enjoyed was that they were no longer servants of France when the French Revolution and Reign of Terror broke out. Had Canada belonged to the French king at this time the anarchy of the old country would also have communicated itself to the colony, especially if we consider that the exacting schemes of Bigot would still have been at work.

Another reason which makes the French Canadian satisfied with the allegiance to Britain is the manner in which his religious rights have been guarded. He looks across the border and thinks what it might have been for him or his children if Canada had been unfortunate enough to join the revolted States, and to-day would enjoy nothing but godless schools. Under British rule men from their ranks have risen to the highest favor of the Crown, while in the States it is an unwritten law that none of their religion can enjoy a high office.

A COMPLAINT AND AN APPEAL.

The average college journal finds it very difficult to get suitable contributions from the students. The question naturally arises, Why? Cannot we students express our thoughts? Surely we can, after our study of ancient and English classics, of logic, and of rhetoric.

Or is it that we have no time? In other words, that we are too lazy? Yet the writing of a page is better than the reading of a volume. So it seems we have no college pride, no desire of self-improvement.

Another of these reasons, which accuse more than excuse, is that we have nothing to write about; that we have no ideas fit to put before the public. Is then, all our conversation mere idle trash? It is true, youth has little experience, and its knowledge is consequently shallow; and that in some species of literature, such as poetry, success is nearly impossible. Yet all kinds of writing are not so difficult, for in several, readable productions can easily be composed.

Take oratory, for example. There is no reason why we should not prepare our debates in such a way that they could be