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THE position of editor of a College journal is no sinecure, and it involves considerable responsibility. By the style of his editorials, and the nature of the contributions which he inserts, the College is judged by those unacquainted with its workings. He must be careful that, in declining to publish some article, he does not entirely discourage the writer, who with a little experience would render valuable assistance. Students frequently give vent to their feelings in rhyming couplets which are quite unreadable, and very often wholly unintelligible to all except the writer, and yet all these must go to the editor for insertion in the College journal. An American writer speaks thus of the work of the editor:

"Poetry is one of the plagues of editors. Whether it be of spring or autumn, or summer or winter, or other sentimental matters, it is the editor's inevitable lot to sit in judgment, and to condemn many of these offsprings of the muses to the flames. A volume of rejected poetry would make a most wonderful and amusing contribution to 'the curiosities of literature.' And yet the editor must be careful so to shape his course as to encourage aspiring merit, and at the same time protect his readers."

It is not expected, however, that articles written by students, amid the press of other work, will be of the highest literary type. If some collegiate exercises were lessened in proportion to the work done for the College paper, then more time would be spent in perfecting contributions, but as all that is done in this respect only increases the work of the student, all we can hope for are the light compositions of the moments when study is a burden. Some are inclined to think that the editors alone should do all the work. They forget that we are human, that we have examinations to pass like the rest of mortals, and are just as liable to be plucked. It is our opinion that all in connection with the Institution should feel an interest in the College paper, and should bear an equal share of the burden.

THE JUNE number of the ASTRUM will not be issued until after the closing exercises of the year. We hope to give a full report of Convocation, and the different gatherings which occur at that time.

PREPARATIONS are being made for the Annual *Conversazione* on the evening of June 20th, which will be under the control of a General Committee of students, instead of under the auspices of the Historical Society, as formerly. From present appearances an enjoyable time will be had and we hope that many of the old students will take this occasion to visit old Albert.

WE HAVE received a reply to Mr. Saunders' communication in our last issue, from A. R. C., in which he handles Mr. Saunders pretty roughly. He accuses him of misrepresentation or misconception, and of taking but a very narrow view of the subject in hand. The communication is unavoidably crowded out of this issue.