

of his *Alma Mater*; for the American institution does not surfeit him with theory nor starve him with the absence of its application. The European one does both; therefore, our collegians are eminently men of use, of action, while theirs are either philosophers or sophists, becoming the latter—mental dyspeptics from feeding on dry dogmas—when the student has not the strength and capacity for enduring in the realm of pure reason. The American college, then, has grown to be the handmaid of citizenship in its broadest sense; and College Journalism is an additional step on the part of students to make her ministry more complete.

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