

and development of those subjects assigned. In making an effort, however, he is on the sure road to experience; and the time spent is well spent, though its contracted limits may contribute to an abortive product.

On another score there is a growing cause for trepidation. The idea seems to prevail that these papers are intended only for the amusement and relaxation of the hearers, and as a consequence they are crowded with fierce invectives, wild extravagances, local hits, and paltry puns. Experience gives evidence of a growing tendency to lower the literary standard in order to gain that passing applause which like the flickering flame of tinder, pleases one moment and is gone forever. Freedom from the criticism of superiors should never be grasped as a license for the outpouring of flood of ghastly nonsense; rather it should inspire one to attain even added dignity and excellency in his work. These efforts, occupying as they do the place of extra work, may necessarily be limited; but surely as far as they are pursued they should be an exhibition of the best powers of the student in their present stages of development. Not only are the conditions given favorable to the fullest development of original thought and freedom of expression, but they also call upon one to seek for excellency of dictation, and an increased familiarity with the beauties of our mother tongue.

THE mortification to which one of our number was recently put in connection with his position as an Editor of our paper is a matter deserving of censure. In the light of the most lenient construction which can be put upon the act, the conclusion of its being anything else than a piece of forgery cannot be avoided. As such every fair-thinking student must recognise his obligation to discountenance it. One or two instances could already be cited in which a similar practice has occurred. Thoughtlessness may be urged by some as the ground of such an act. In the main we are inclined to grant such a claim; but the fact of thoughtlessness being its origin can in no degree excuse the perpetrator. Besides the mere annoyance which must of necessity happen to the victim, the use of another's signature without any knowledge on his part is going far beyond all reach of propriety and patience. Even if we imagine a certain amount of pleasure to be afforded to some minds by causing another discomfort,

the using of another's name for such a purpose is certainly one of the most offensive methods which could be adopted. The consequences involved in the cases to which we have referred, it is true, were of a light and trivial character and such as admitted of a ready explanation from the one misrepresented; but the continuation of the practice, should the offender be detected, would in all probability cause him some degree of trouble.

A SINGING CLASS under the tuition of Mr. H. N. Shaw has been formed among us. Although we regret to say it, the fact nevertheless remains, that the Glee Club has become as good as extinct. Believing as we do, that, apart from the enjoyment derived from it, the art of singing well forms a considerable factor in general culture, it gives us pleasure to make an announcement with regard to the formation of such a class. Mr. Shaw proposes to teach the knowledge requisite for reading music and to put special stress upon that part of singing as relates to expression. The pieces sung at our morning exercises have long shown the need of some training in the latter direction. A body of young men, the majority of whom may possess good musical ability, are yet, while ignorant of the first principles of music as an art, quite capable of producing some specimens of singing without a parallel in the history of man. The small amount of time spent in attending the lessons will to an attentive pupil more than pay for itself in the instruction received. We tender Mr. Shaw our hopes for success and trust that the students will regard it as an opportunity too important to be lost.

THE recent discussion between our correspondent and writers in the *Dalhousie Gazette* has been marred by language which should have been reserved as the private property of street urchins. It is evident that, as is usual under such circumstances, each party is willing to believe itself perfectly innocent and to allow the other to shoulder all the blame. We regret that so much personal recrimination has been indulged in, and consider it best, in order no farther to endanger the feeling of good fellowship between the two bodies of students and their representative teams, to decline to review the last article in the *Gazette*.