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**The Limit of a Virtue.** There can hardly be found any excuse for the treatment accorded the instructor and students of the School of Horticulture the evening of their closing exercises. That it was planned can scarcely be doubted, and that it was a distinct insult to Prof. Sears, whether or not so intended, no one who carefully considers the affair can question. Very truly the plans did not involve great destruction of brain cells, nor did their execution ask for superior bravery and presence of mind. A pretty mean kind of thing can throw beans so as to cause annoyance and confusion to one who for the first time is coming before the public. In a word, observers whose judgment is sound do not pronounce the interruptions of that evening a first-class exhibition even of mediocrity, some affirming that the lack of common-sense was in a few cases more assumed than real.

It was however, an insult to one from whom as well as from the school with which he is connected *Acadia* has had nothing but kindness. For seven years the School of Horticulture has afforded students of these institutions an excellent course in botany, a study which if pursued at all in the College must of necessity be attended by the same limitations as, or even greater than, prevail in other science departments. Professor Sears, since his incumbency, has