

spiteful to be made. It has been all along a pitiful display of interested prejudice and passion."

In his reference to "trading institutions" Mr. Aitken ignores the fact that the opposition to his "philanthropic" endeavor is not by any means confined to our established musical institutions but embraces the musical profession as a whole. A glance at the signatures to the protest on pages 8, 9, 11 and 13 will suffice.

It certainly would appear an ungraceful accusation on the part of Mr. Aitken against established Canadian schools of music, to class them as mere "trading concerns," when, according to his own admission, the R.A.M. and the R.C.M. have been reaping profits annually from the trivial local tests which are being exploited in England and the Colonies under the name of Local Examinations.

And again :

"Now, what is the reason of all this opposition to the Associated Board ? I have no hesitation in saying that it resolves itself into two reasons : First, the fear of the loss of a few dollars to these trading and dividend-paying concerns, and, second, the fear of bad teaching being exposed. I regard the opposition as altogether insincere, and the methods which have been used in exploiting it as neither honest nor creditable.

"I have heard of the document called the protest. I do not know whether to regard this as a piece of crass stupidity or as a piece of willful wickedness."

The above reference to the professional musicians of this country and Mr. Aitken's rash criticisms of the gentlemen who constitute the Protesting Committee is highly characteristic of the vindictive spirit so frequently manifested by the Hon. Secretary of the Associated Board in his communications to the Canadian press.

Mr. Aitken continues :

"It may interest many to know that the Dominion College of Montreal now looks upon us with friendly eyes. Mr. Illsley, with whom I spent a day last week, has promised me to call together his committee to see whether they cannot in future make use of our examinations."

At the time of writing the above Mr. Aitken appears to have been in ecstasies over the prospective affiliation of the Associated Board with at least one of these "trading and dividend-paying concerns." In a preceding paragraph in the same article Mr. Aitken, with childlike simplicity, refers to the Dominion College as a "trading and dividend-paying concern."

A CONTRADICTION.

Mr. Aitken's statement in the above quotation referring to the Dominion College of Music, etc., was denied by Mr. Illsley in the following telegram to Mr. S. T. Church, Hon. Secretary Protesting Committee.