

is to be done," it will apply itself to the removal of apparent defects, pointed out by good-natured and well-meaning critics. In its September issue there were many things that could have been remedied and we thank our friends for their genuinely good-natured criticisms and we hope to make a better showing in future.

Yet it is with no spirit of boasting, that we ask our kind readers to note the progress made by EXCELSIOR in its two short years of existence. Its successful course to the present time will continue to be its guide in the future. Our readers and well-wishers will continue to see us advance o'er the stormy journalistic way. Improvements will still be in order, until we attain as near perfection, as we with our limited capacities and limited means can ever expect to attain.

At a meeting of the editors a few days ago, it was decided to admit to our columns (previously open to college news only) all matter of whatever nature written by students or alumni and the publication of which would honor and be worthy of the representative of such an institution as our beloved University of St. Francis Xavier.

The students are therefore invited to hand in their contributions and show what they are made of. All the best workers are surely not on the editorial staff of EXCELSIOR. Many of our fellow students we know to be excellent writers and their essays will always be welcome to the pages of our paper. Come then, young men, bestir yourselves, and show what the St. F. X. boys can do when "with grateful hearts they all combine."

Our Alumni, we are pleased to note, are delighted with the success of the boys of '98-'99, and many of them have given us the benefit of their wise criticisms, and are congratulating EXCELSIOR on its new features and general progressiveness.

Still we believe many of them must have spent many a pleasant hour at St. F. X., and we should be very well pleased to learn a little of their experiences. We notice often little happenings, the recollection of which will give us many moments of pleasure when our busy life begins in later years; and we know that during the years gone by, St. F. X. was not without its quota of pleasant "accidents." Our Alumni, we are sure, often recall those things with joy, and when sometimes recalling those agreeable remembrances, they might jot a few on paper and give us also the enjoyment of their thoughts. With what relish their class-mates would read such reminiscences, and how happy,