

the school room will find it difficult to substantiate that claim in the face of the contrary evidence given in this number of the journal. While excessive punishment or punishment unjustly inflicted is shown to be illegal yet unquestionable sanction is given for a liberal use of the rod.

Referring to "over-pressure" on page 72 we find that "the teacher is especially cautioned to be on the guard against 'over-pressure.'" Nevertheless a glance at the curriculum reveals the fact that this, that and the other thing and just so much of them must be taught in the course of one school year.

"Too much emulation" occupies a page or more, and if we are to judge by what has become of most suggestions thrown out in previous journals, the one here proposed will soon be carried out. It now becomes the duty of those interested in our educational work to consider the advisability of removing at least in part, the danger of "plugging for exams only" by discontinuing the publication of the marks made by candidates at the July examinations.

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AN In our last issue, in reply to "*Fin de Siecle*"

EXPLANATION. which appeared in the February number of EXCELSIOR, we published "The End of the Century" from the pen of A Subscriber. Quite contrary to the custom of College journals, we allowed the reply to go forth without a word of refutation, or of defence upon our own part; and, furthermore, we stated, in a foot-note, that we should discontinue any further discussion on the question, owing to the fact that both sides had already received considerable attention.

This did not, as we have learned since our last publication, meet with the approval of our ex-editors. Personally, some of us have received letters from those who successfully wielded the pen for EXCELSIOR in past years, and we have found ourselves the subjects of criticism, somewhat severe. Hence it is we feel bound to offer a few words in explanation of our position.

To begin, we may say that it was not our intention to adopt and defend one side of the question without acknowledging what was to be said on the other, and we are satisfied that our actions have been consistent with our intentions, the publication of "The End of the Century" bearing us out in this. Our having published this particular reply was not a matter of preference, but