the many unfavorable influences of a city life, there are few cases where the freedom is abused. We are old enough to lay out our own courses, and do not feel the need of compulsory laws to aid us.

Restraint, even when judiciously applied, is obnoxious to young men of the present age, and in many awakens a rebellious feeling which leads a man against his own interests. It is much better to feel a responsibility to one's self, and is, we think, in college life, far more productive of rational actions. The wild excesses and seemingly unexplainable proceedings which are peculiar to students in certain colleges, have an air of defied authority, which can spring only from the subjection to perhaps needless discipline.

IN the student, as in the pedagogue, there is a strong and unlovely bias in the direction of positivism and dogmatism. No one deserves the title of man, whose opinions are swayed by every wind of doctrine, willowy as the willow, blown hither and thither with every fresh impression. And the same thing can be said of any one who insists on the certainty of his superior knowledge and the impossibility of a mistake.

The unpleasant habit of thrusting our opinion, as a soldier does his bayonet, literally, down the throat of any one who may have the misfortune to get button-holed into a conversation, is too frequent a practice with the young idea.

The Freshman returns to his paternal hall, and one would think that Solomon, in all his glory, was intellectually a failure beside this multum in parvo of learning. The swathing-bands have not yet disappeared in the distance, when lo! he proclaims himself a man; corrects his professor's mistakes; hauls his father over the coals for expressing exploded views on questions of law, politics, and science, and astonishes the old gentleman by taking issue with him on religion. In fact, if we should take him at his own value, we would possess a walking encyclopedia, whose knowledge on all points was infinite, and a mathematical certainty. To be able to assert, without fear of error, that every statement that falls from your lips is un-gainsayable, is to be above all human accountability, and dwell with the gods.

Such a character is unlovely in old age, but is detestable in youth, and, if persisted in, will act as an armed guard in keeping out all friendship and social intercourse, and make the possessor more of an exile than Napoleon on his lonely isle; for he did have friends.

THE Book Exchange has now been running for two weeks, and, so far, it does not appear to have been as much patronized by the students as one would have expected. In thinking over the reasons why such an evidently good way of selling your old books has not been utilized, we find but little cause for wonder. Most of the books which are used here are of a thoroughly professional nature, and are practically indispensable in the library of such an engineer as each one of us desires to be. Hence it is not surprising that there has been no marked desire to sell any of these. Again, there are some text-books which most of us have to use continually for reference, and for that reason do not wish to part with. Still, it seems to us that there must be a good many books which each fellow has that can be of no further use to him, but that can benefit him and some one else by being sold. We can only account for the non-appearance of many of these books in the Exchange, by assuming that the fact that there is an Exchange is not known to all. It is rather late now to urge the fellows to bring their books to the Exchange, but we hope that by next term it will be more popular. It is to be hoped that the Co-operative Society will not be discouraged by the present apathy, and give up the idea altogether. The Techs may be slow to make use of all their advantages, but, nevertheless, they are not entirely unappreciated.