

federation of colleges, has done or can do, it is of course simply preposterous to say that she will be refused public recognition in a tangible way. Queen's is ready and willing to have relative work determined in any fair way. Her staff is eminently scholarly, energetic and able, and her tests are at the present time higher than any other University in the Province. We hope that this scheme of confederation will soon take definite shape in one way or another, and that Queen's will settle down into her true position, relying on her steadfast friends, when she may nevermore be disturbed by empirical schemes and visions of inflated splendor.

SOME few of the contributions which have found their way into our letter box we have been forced to reject, much to our regret. We are strongly averse to discouraging a man in his literary efforts, especially when he tries to do something for the JOURNAL, and we sincerely trust that our motives will not be misconstrued. The great fault we have to find is that many a really good idea is spoiled by a looseness of style and general carelessness of construction, on the part of writers who evidently possess really good ability in the art of inditing their familiar thoughts, and who would prove valuable contributors to the columns of any paper, if they would use more care. The evidently unconscious tautological errors, which are only too frequent, prove conclusively that a little judicious pruning on a careful revision of the subject written is alone needed to remedy the defects. This revision we would in many cases undertake ourselves, were it not for the fact that JOURNAL editors are proverbially hard up for leisure moments. Let those who have failed try again, and rest assured that their good intentions are thoroughly appreciated.

IT has not yet been decided what form the annual re-union of the Alma Mater Society is to take. The general impression among the students seems to be in favor of a conversazione. Now, a conversazione is a very good thing under certain circumstances, but it certainly appears to us that where such a large number of guests have to be invited, the entertainment should be of a more lively character. Those who have been on the committees in years past know this to their cost. It has been found impossible to satisfy the guests with a concert and lecturettes, and the younger people have upon the last two occasions taken it upon themselves to take possession of the History class room and enjoy a dance. We are forced to sympathize with them, and hope our sin will not be considered beyond hope of pardon if we suggest that they be allowed even more license this year. The young folks are in the majority, and we would ask that, out of deference to their wishes, dancing be made a recognized part of the programme, and proper accommodation be provided therefor. We will not now present any definite scheme, as this can easily be arranged when the time comes. We do claim, however, that by bringing the style of the entertainment more into accordance with the tastes of the guests, the committee would be doing much good. We would invite opinions upon the matter from the students.

UNFORTUNATELY the attention of the public has been again attracted by the escapades of some of our medical students. While every one is willing to admit that dissection is necessary to the proper study of medicine most are averse to having the subject mentioned. They are quite convinced of the necessity of the students having material, only they say don't let us hear about it. The public are not opposed to the dissection of human bodies, but they