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### Editorials.

#### THE LAW FACULTY.

It was our intention, as intimated in our last issue, to proceed to take up *seriatim* the different courses of lectures in this faculty, and to discuss each of them in a fair, open and candid spirit, with a view to their improvement. The letter of law student has, however, for the time being drawn us off from our purpose; for this issue at least, we consider it our duty to treat the

question once more, generally, before going into details. We desire to say here, that our references to the school, in last issue, have done what we hoped they would. They have set the students themselves thinking on the subject. We are heartily glad that law student has written us; we hope that not only law students, but medical, arts and science men will find it to their interest to use the GAZETTE for the expression of their views and wants.

In the main, this letter of law student shows him to be with us in our contentions that reform and improvement are very much needed.

We hope the pages of the GAZETTE will never be lacking in proper respect to the teaching body: we entertain for these men the highest possible respect; but it is an insult to their liberality of thought, to them as educated gentlemen, to pretend that we cannot differ from them, urge views opposed to theirs even with warmth and energy, nay, even accuse them of want of hearty interest, and yet not respect them. We shall never yield a servile obedience, nor do they expect it: such is not a British, much less a McGill characteristic.

That so many pages of the GAZETTE have in past years been devoted to the affairs of the law faculty, will be to thinking men, no evidence that the editors or any of them are "afflicted with a chronic distemper which finds relief in venting its virulence" on the question: on the contrary it will be an evidence to the more thoughtful of our readers, that a difficult undertaking has found men not easily discouraged, and the whole tenor of law students' letter goes to prove this to be true.

Law student must not allow his powers of rhetoric to becloud his common sense, of which his letter shows him to be endowed with no small share. Surely there was no "rabid denunciation" in our last editorial on this subject? More than this, we defy law student to point out any "rabid denunciation" of the school in our editorial columns for the past four years. Interviews with past graduates have been published, which certainly were severe; but the object was to get at the opinions of men who had passed through the school; their names were given in every case and they speak for themselves: we simply collected public opinion.

One point more: law student insinuates that the professors will be influenced in their treatment of present students at examination time by the GAZETTE's