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*.*We wish it to be distinctly understood that the JOURNAL does not commit itself in any way to the sentiments which may be expressed in this department.

To the Editor of the Journal :

YOU answered "Gray" in part, but one sentence of his letter is so offensive that it calls for remonstrance. He says, speaking of the Watkins lectureship, "If this is the way the bequests of the friends of Queen's are to be treated, it does not seem to me that it will be much of an incentive to others to follow up their example." It seems to me that before insinuating breach of faith against the Trustees of his Alma Mater, the writer might have made himself acquainted with the facts. The late Mr. Watkins did not found an Elocution Lectureship. He left a sum of money to the college. The Trustees could have put it to general endowment, but being anxious to perpetuate his name in connection with Queen's, they established an Elocution lectureship, without the slightest pledge that there was to be a lecturer every year. There are good reasons why one should not be appointed at present, and "Gray" can ascertain these by making enquiries at the proper quarter. I trust that he may now see his way clear to follow Mr. Watkins' example.

Yours,

A TRUSTEE.

FELLOWSHIPS.

To the Editor of the Journal :

THE authorities of our college are making noble efforts to keep abreast of the times, and we believe successfully. During the last six years the number of students in attendance in Arts has doubled—three additional professors and two lecturers have been added to the teaching staff, and much new apparatus has been purchased. For the number of students in attendance, our college is almost completely equipped; almost, we say, because it is evident to anyone acquainted with the working of our college, that some of our professors are still overworked. This applies particularly to the Professor of History and English Language and Literature, and to the lecturer in Modern Languages, who is also assistant to the professor in Classics. A Fellowship could be established in each of these departments at a small cost to the college, and with great advantages to the students, and the assistance we are sure would be heartily welcomed by Professor Ferguson and Mr. Nicholson, whom it would relieve of the most tiresome part of their work. It would be a great incentive to students taking honors in those subjects to have such positions in prospective. Even were the salary only barely sufficient to pay necessary expenses, say \$500, and the position tenable for two or three years, many would be eager to accept it for the advantages it would afford for attending lectures in the college. There is much work in English and in Modern Languages which an honour graduate could do as well as the regular professor. What objection is there to such a course?

MAC.

To the Editor of the Journal :

FROM references to the Museum again and again in your columns there would seem to be a burning desire on the part of some students to get more light on natural history than they get in the class. It cannot be that they wish simply to gaze upon dried plants, rocks, and fossils with the ignorant gaze of the crowd. They crave for "occasional demonstrations." In order to gratify this very proper desire, the private room of the Professor of Natural History was fitted up last summer with great care, and supplied with all the best specimens—botanical, geological, and zoological—that the museum contained, so that he could bring forth to the class from day to day illustrations of his lectures. I learn, on enquiry, that not one of the students has applied to him for further "demonstrations." They get, in fact, brought before them all that they need, and in the only way likely to do any good. The Museum is actually brought to them in condensed form, for an explanation of one specimen is of more value than a stare at a thousand.

There is another reason why the Museum itself is not thrown open at all times. It is certainly not closed, because it is shown to every one who applies to the lecturer on Natural Science. But it has been stated again and again, at Convocation and in public reports, that the Museum is not yet in anything like a completed state, and certainly not in a state to be shown to the public. Rome was not built in a day, but possibly a University should be finished in a year. Since the new building was handed over by the contractors, and classes were opened in it, workmen have been engaged on one department or other with scarcely an intermission. The Library has been reorganized, the Chemistry and the Physics Laboratories have been equipped, a select Museum has been arranged for the use of the Natural History class, and other improvements have been made, all costing time, thought and money. Last summer \$500 were spent on the work of dividing the Museum into two stories. Next summer shelving and cases will be provided, and some steps may be taken towards arranging specimens. No doubt all this could be done with vastly greater rapidity if the University were provided with more men and money. But in view of what has been accomplished, and in view of all the facts set forth which show that no one has suffered and that there is no real grievance, something more than mere hyper-criticism might be expected.

CURATOR.

DOCTOR—"Well Pat, have you taken that box of pills I sent you? Pat—"Yes, sir, be jabbers, I have, but I don't feel any better yet; may be the lid hasn't come off yet!"

MRS. A. T. STEWART is building a new College in New York, to cost \$4,000,000. It will be the largest in America, non-sectarian, co-educational, and the expenses will be put at a low figure.