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Editorials.

Even were it not customary, it would be necessary in view of the position which the GAZETTE has taken during the past year upon many important University questions, to review briefly the year's work.

We are satisfied to be judged as to our aims and motives by later years and unprejudiced minds. We are conscious of many defects and of not a few mistakes ; but we assume no mock humility, we are assured on all hands of the confidence and support of the great bulk of the students and the best friends of McGill, and in this assurance we can afford to disregard the sneers of prejudiced minds, even though they be in high places.

Our agitation in favour of improvement in the Law school has already begun to have its effect; quite a respectable space was devoted to this faculty in the last annual report, whereas in former years its very existence was ignored; lectures in Municipal Law, first suggested in the GAZETTE, are now a part of the course ; we hear of an effort being made to secure better lecture rooms.

At the Law and Science Convocation Sir William Dawson devoted a considerable portion of his address to law; and, though some of his sentences, to put it mildly, could scarcely be considered complimentary to this journal, yet we are not disposed to quarrel with him on that head; it is a question whether his references to us were in good taste at that time; but the great point is, we have succeeded in awakening a certain amount of interest. The Law Faculty has been unfortunate this year in not being represented on our staff; any one listening to the law valedictory would, probably, come to the conclusion that the GAZETTE was not in touch with students. We presume the Valedictorian spoke for the four men who graduated with him, but he certainly had little sympathy from the larger number of Science graduates, which fact would have been impressed upon him had he witnessed their dinner at the Windsor a few hours later. In this connection, it is not out of place to remark that a year ago the law Valedictorian advocated many of the very changes that the GAZETTE has since that time been so persistently urging, and the late Dean Kerr, who addressed the graduating class, opened by saying that the Valedictorian had said much that it had been his intention to say.

We have said little during the year about the other faculties, because little was to be said. They are admittedly in good condition ; we consider it to be our place to draw attention to any evils which may exist rather than to flatter what may be good, and which we have a right to expect to be so. It is remarkable, however, how our professors fume and fret under criticism; they do not take very kindly to opposition; the late Mr. Mathew Arnold's strictures upon this failing of Americans should be carefully read by them. There is a ludicrous side to all this which only the editors see ; while the college paper is not worth giv-