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Editorials.

VICTORIA AND HER STUDENTS.

That a University of good standing in an enlightened, free country, should communicate students who have the moral back-bone to criticise her work and methods, seems too absurd a proposition to entertain. The world of common sense, however, gets a surprise once in a while. When the authorities of Victoria arrived at the fearful truth, that the editors of *Acta Victoriana* had minds of their own, they solemnly decided to cast them out.

We pass no opinion whatever upon the merits of the criticism which our contemporary published, and

which raised the ire of the professors: we are not in a position to judge the case; that makes no difference. Take the very worst view of the case, for *Acta Victoriana*: suppose the editors were wrong entirely, and should have praised what they condemned. In that case they made, what their professors, doubtless, have made a score of times before them, a mistake in judgment. The article was written in a moderate and dignified tone, and did no discredit to either its author or the University. But some college professors wish to set themselves up on a pedestal, and do the high and mighty to such an alarming extent that even a much more vigorous criticism than that indulged in by our contemporary, is sometimes necessary. The ordinary, healthy student, rightly resents this superiority made oppressive; and when patiently submitted to, it is a sure evidence that "the breed of students has deteriorated." We are not living in Russia; students have a perfect right to discuss their college, and her courses and professors, if they do so in a gentlemanly, candid and fair manner.

We would suggest that Victoria send down some of her professors to McGill, in order that they may get a few lessons in—How to Profit by Criticism. For years the GAZETTE has said just about what McGill students thought and wanted in college matters. McGill is strong enough to bear criticism, weak enough to need some, and not stupid enough to try to choke it off.

THE LAW LECTURES.

Civil Procedure is the only one of the courses of these lectures which we have not discussed. It is a branch of legal study to which the student of law is compelled, under the regulations of the Quebec Bar, to give a large part of his time and attention in the office of his patron.

One could wish that the law student's apprenticeship meant more than it really does. In the majority of cases, it never enters the mind of the patron that he has any responsibility as regards the proficiency of his articled clerk. What would our lawyers think of the following, taken from an excellent little work, entitled *Duties of Attorneys and Solicitors*, by Warren:—"If you should obtain an articled clerk at "an early period of your career, pray bear in mind "that you thereby incur a grave responsibility. You