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Editorials.

From press of matter, we are obliged to increase the number of pages in the present issue, and to hold over an amount of valuable contributed material.

MR. PAGNUELO AND MCGILL.

The patience, perseverance, industry, ingenuity, and skill of Mr. Pagnuelo, the champion of the Council of the Bar, has recently been laid before the public in the pages of the *Montreal Gazette*. His patience in watching and waiting for some sweet morsel to drop from the lips of anyone in connection

with McGill, has been phenomenal. His perseverance and industry in collating special items from the reports of Corporation, published by the University, from the reports of Convocation, meetings of the University Literary Society, and of general University matters, published in the daily press, has seldom been equalled, and certainly never surpassed. He has been a faithful watchman at the portals of McGill. His ingenuity in selecting what would be of advantage, and rejecting what would have proven most disastrous to the cause of the Bar, from the collections so carefully made; in misquoting, misinterpreting, and culling from petitions and memorials; making men say and write what they are surprised to learn they did; and imputing sordid and base motives to the most meritorious deeds, is something appalling. His skill in arraying, under the name of patriotism, and of classical and professional education, and concealing the real object in view—the sapping of the foundation and usefulness of the English Universities of this Province, and the gaining complete control by the Council of the Bar of admission to the practice of Law, and making it a close Corporation—is most perfect.

To traverse the voluminous and heterogeneous mass of correspondence of Mr. Pagnuelo would be unwise, imprudent, impolitic, and useless, and to the pages of the *Montreal Gazette* of last week we refer our readers. To parts of that correspondence we must advert.

Says Mr. Pagnuelo:—"A programme for preliminary examination has been adopted, defining what constitutes a liberal and classical education.

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"It should be known that one of the said examiners was the Principal of Montreal High School, who had also, with his colleagues, recommended our programme." Vastly different was the statement of Dr. Howe, at the Teachers' Convention, held in Montreal two years ago, when the question of assimilating the preliminary professional examinations was being discussed. He stated, in effect, that this would never be accomplished so long as the Council of the Bar existed, that he had succeeded in making the examination for entrance into Medicine rational, but that he could do nothing with that of the Bar. The quibbling in relation to the degree of B.A. as given in Laval and McGill is quite apparent. "We stated a