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Editorials.

THE PROPOSED GYMNASIUM SCHEME.

IT appears that many students are becoming very anxious for our long-talked-of Gymnasium. Undoubtedly a good gymnasium, well equipped in every way, would be a very valuable addition to our splendid group of buildings now adorning the College Square. Moreover, it would be one of special value to the students themselves. For this reason it seems very fitting that the undergraduates should have a very strong voice in a matter of such vital interest to them. The need of a Convocation Hall appealed to the students so strongly that they subscribed money to build it. But Grant Hall is used only a very few times in a year by the students, and is of much more remote value to them than is a gymnasium, and it would seem quite natural that they should also undertake to "father" the gymnasium scheme.

The classes in attendance in 1902, besides many other friends of the University, at that time threw the

weight of their influence into the Grant Hall scheme and a useful and beautiful structure is the result. At present there are in the University many who have not had an opportunity of showing their liberality to Queen's. These might look with great favor upon the gymnasium scheme and subscribe very willingly to a fund for this purpose. The "Years" have been vieing with one another in making sacrifices to Queen's, and those who were not fortunate enough to be here in 1901-02 will not like to be surpassed even in this by those who are now so much "out of date." When the scheme is once set on foot we think we can promise that the students of to-day will prove as good friends to the University as did those of three years ago.

The enthusiasm already evinced by the students in this matter is very commendable. A gymnasium is needed and no one knows that better than the undergraduate, unless it be some very wise "post mortem." This enthusiasm seems to indicate that the time is probably ripe to undertake the project. The installment plan might again be used; it served admirably before. It meets the resources of young men better than any other conceivable plan. University men are quite willing to do something for their Alma Mater if they are not in danger of assuming obligations they can never meet. Make the plan easy and appeal to the students with unhesitating confidence and we can bespeak a hearty response.

But, while there appears to be considerable enthusiasm for a gymnasium, we must remember that it is wise to construct only a first-class building