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Editorials.

THE CALENDAR AND THE EXAMINATION PAPERS.

EACH year the University issues two official publications, the Calendar, and the volume of examination papers. The JOURNAL would modestly suggest changes in the form of both. The Calendar is intended to serve a double purpose. It is the university's great advertisement, and it is the students' one book of reference in all that pertains to courses, classes and so forth. As a book of reference it is admirable. As an advertisement, it leaves much to be desired, the reason being that it is not comprehensive enough. The Arts, Science, and Medical Calendars are issued separately, and apparently have no connection with one another. A stranger, picking up the Arts Calendar, unless he made a careful examination, could scarcely tell that there was a Science school or Medical college in connection with the university, and even if he found out from the dozen or so pages at the back that such institu-

tions existed, he could tell little or nothing of their magnitude, or of their work. It is the same with the other calendars. People who know Queen's, of course, do not need to be told these things, but there are many who do not know. Students who are not personally acquainted with the different universities, and who have no one to advise them, are very apt to choose the one with the more comprehensive calendar, not because of the size merely, but because it gives fuller information and conveys to them the idea of a greater university. Would it not be possible to make the Queen's Calendar indicate more completely the scope of the whole institution. This might be done by combining the three present calendars. The cost would no doubt be greater, but this difficulty could be partly surmounted by retaining the smaller Calendars for the use of the students at the university, and sending the larger ones to persons who ask for information.

Then as to the examination papers. The trouble here is just the opposite. The volumes as issued at present are too large and cost too much. True, to one able to interpret them, they indicate much better than any calendar could, the size and scope of the university. But this is not their principal use. There are few students who do not every year make diligent study of old exam. papers. At present these can be procured for fifty cents a volume. But the volume contains all the papers in all the faculties, and a student in Medicine, say, is compelled to burden himself with the papers in Arts, Science and Theology, and what is worse, must pay for them. If the papers could be issued in smaller faculty volumes and these sold at ten or