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Editorials.

THE FACULTY OF LAW.

We ask our readers' careful attention to the letter of B. C. L., which appears in this issue. The Faculty of Law has long been in a most unsatisfactory condition, so much so that we are informed the Quebec Government has made representations respecting it to the Corporation. We readily admit that the Ministry may have been prompted to this action by enemies of the University, but, even so, their being able to remonstrate at all, shows how grave is the cause of complaint against the methods of the Faculty. It would be dealing that Faculty a death-blow should the Government decline continuing to shorten the apprenticeship of its graduates. Yet no one can doubt that this will be the next step, unless speedy improvement becomes manifest. B. C. L., who writes in a spirit of uttermost friendliness and loyalty, makes several suggestions for such improvement, and we trust that these will meet that consideration from the authorities which they undoubtedly deserve.

THE FOOTING.

Of late years there has been great difficulty in persuading the Freshmen in Medicine to pay their footing, and now the time seems to have come for its abol-

ishment. We notice this with some regret, for, in principle, the payment of this initiatory fee is not altogether a bad thing. The students of any faculty may be regarded, for social purposes as a sort of club for admission to which a small charge may justifiably be exacted. The benefit of the payment, too, accompanies the student through his whole course, for the dinner of each year is the better for the money which the footing yields. In reality, therefore, the question of footing comes to be one of the desirability of commuting a fraction of each year's subscription by a single payment in the first year. Unfortunately, the Freshmen cannot be brought to see the matter in this light, and it seems scarcely wise to continue a practice which they look upon as an imposition. We therefore counsel the students to come to an agreement not to demand the footing next year.

LADIES FIRST.

We heartily congratulate the ladies upon the success which has attended their first examination in McGill. That success was not wholly unexpected, it is only another evidence of the effect of concentration and industry. Our lazy Freshmen may well take a lesson from their rivals. No longer will it be safe for them to divide their energies between hockey, football, the regular course, and the private lines of reading which most first year students lay out for themselves. Steady application must now be the rule if the men are to hold their own. This examination has been an awakening, and they will make a better fight next April. It will not do to be too confident though, for no doubt the ladies will struggle hard for a fair share of the honors.

ONE unaccountable thing has been the vacillation of the Faculty, who publicly announced that the ladies would not be ranked with the other students and afterwards gave no intimation of a change in their determination until the examinations were over. An explanation of this variation of purpose will be eagerly looked for.

McGILL GOVERNMENT.

As will be seen elsewhere, two new Governors have been appointed. They are men in every sense estimable, whose connection with the University cannot but be creditable to it. Yet we are not satisfied. If these gentlemen were graduates, or held honorary