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Editorials.

An article was sent in for publication in our last issue which, as it stood, we deemed unsuitable, and applied the editorial pencil very freely. We should have carried the pruning process further, and excluded a reference which, we are extremely sorry might have been taken amiss by a member of the teaching body, who holds the very highest esteem of the profession and students.

At the same time, we cannot understand how it could be thought that the GAZETTE would make any wifful reflection on any one of the attainments and manners of the gentleman referred to.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The University Annual Report is before us. It has a tone of satisfaction with the work of the past year and of encouragement for the future. In recent years the reports have announced so many endowments and gifts that their absence from this one is a little disappointing, especially when taken with the enumeration of the University's needs. The financial outlook is not so promising as friends could wish. It necessitates a "rigid economy" and prevents indulging hope of immediate advance in supplying the deficiencies in the work. It is regrettable that the authorities are so hampered when they have in mind the need of a further endowment of chairs, of a building for the science faculty, of a college dining hall, a convocation hall and better accommodation for the classes for women. They are also waiting for means to make provision for political science, for classes in voice-culture, and hygiene, for education in fine art, for additional gymnastic facilities and fuller provision for some departments of practical science, with the ultimate object of granting degrees in this subject. It is more than unfortunate—it is unfair—that an institution should have such a list of wants, and no immediate prospect of having them met, when it is making so great an effort to give students a training, to stimulate and aid industrial and professional pursuit and be a centre for literary and scientific culture. It is on individual energy, self-sacrifice and generosity that McGill is entirely dependent. The general Government gives no grant to higher education. What is obtained from the province is given back as scholarships. But in spite of all this, the report has a pardonable pride in the advancement of certain courses, notably, chemistry and botany. These are pointed out as an instance of the good effect of efficient instruction and suitable appliances. The botany, however, owes its "remarkable progress" less to the appliances than to the instruction, for the report calls for additional space and instruments. Special stress is laid upon the evidence of public approval because the Donalds special course is meeting a "real educational want." The death of Mr. Baynes is spoken of with feeling, and the new appointments discussed. There is no favorable issue to announce as to the adjustment of the relations between the University and the professional bodies.