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Editorials.

IN another part of the Journal will be found a letter from 'Student' lamenting the 'Decline of the Queen's Spirit.' Each faculty is becoming more and more isolated, and 'Student' fears that faculty spirit will soon triumph over university spirit. It is true that Divinities and Arts students will always intermingle more or less, but what about the others? Science men are seldom seen in the Arts building after their second year except when a "scrap" is on hand, and similarly only few Arts men spend more than a couple of years in Science, and even in these two years it has been found necessary to divide classes and separate Science and Arts students.

These are all the inevitable results of the growth of the university in numbers and in buildings. This growth must continue and it is our duty to preserve our unity amid so much diversity.

We do not think that it is any longer possible for the freshmen, say, in Arts, Science and Medicine, to form one organisation for all purposes—For special

events, such as sports, "At Homes," they may combine, but, for other matters, separate organizations are to be preferred. How then are the students to be held together? By the Political Science Debating Club, by the Philosophical Society, by the sports in which students of all faculties participate, by the influence and example of our Professors, and above all by the Alma Mater Society. In the societies named students from all the faculties can meet on an equal footing and become acquainted with each other. In sport, the Arts man meets the Medical and the Science man the Divinity. At the 'Varsity—Queen's hockey match was Walsh cheered because he is an Arts man and Richardson and Knight because they study Science? No; it was because we knew that our men represented, not the Science Department or the Medical Department but the University of Queen's. And so we cheered them lustily and heartily.

The Professors can do a great deal in keeping the faculties in sympathetic touch with each other by showing their students that they sympathize with their colleagues in other lines of study and appreciate their point of view.

'Student' suggested that the faculty courts be abolished and be replaced by one under the control of the A.M.S.' We doubt whether such a scheme would give satisfaction. We think that it might arouse far more inter-faculty rivalry and animosity than the present system. The A.M.S. should, however, by committee or otherwise, try very serious offences, especially when several faculties are involved, but for ordinary cases each faculty should look after its own affairs.

It seems to us, then, that if the students of Queen's will only put to heart the fact that the University is greater and more important than the faculty, we need have no fear that our *esprit de corps* will be seriously weakened and our loyalty diminished.