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Editorials.

THE appearance of Queen's is to be further improved. Our tendency here is to pay little attention to externals, and so the years '10 and '11 are to be especially commended on the part they are to take in making our grounds more attractive. The JOURNAL wishes them every success and hopes that others will maintain the interest until the work is completed. The new scheme is to surround the College property with a plain, substantial fence in good style, with more ornamental gateways at the various entrances. Not only will this improve the appearance of the University, but will protect the enclosed grounds. It is hopeless to attempt to have good grass, and shrubbery under the present conditions. People with no interest in the University make short cuts across the lawns; carts and delivery wagons use the roads as if they were public property, maintained by city taxes. Outsiders, however, are not the only offenders, and much of the damage done is caused by some of ourselves. Of course, generally, we do not see the grounds at their best, but if more care were taken, Queen's would be more of an attraction in Kingston than it is, to the many visitors and tourists who come here during the summer months. A beginning is to be made on University Avenue opposite Alice Street. Here a triple gate is to be built, and a fence is to be extended as far as Stuart Street, and it is further proposed to carry it along Stuart to the main entrance which, of course, would be rebuilt. Considerable care will, no doubt, be taken in the design which, above all things, should not be ornate.

As the work progresses, opportunity will be given for the authorities to put the place into shape. Flower-beds could be laid out and various kinds of Canadian and other shrubbery could be planted very effectively at a very moderate cost. Once we show we are in earnest about this, perhaps the city council would consider the proposition of paving with asphalt blocks, University Avenue between Union and Stuart streets and along Stuart to Macdonald Park. Further than this, a quiet resilient pavement in front of the General Hospital would be a boon. Again we wish the new scheme every success.