

by any means been fruitless, but would prefer it to speak for itself. The usefulness of the JOURNAL is now established beyond the necessity of demonstration, and we were glad to see it was so prominently recognized by the University Council at its recent meeting.

Finally, we may say that we have tried to make our editorial "we" a truly plural pronoun. We have never intentionally made it the expression of an individual opinion, but rather have tried to give utterance to the wishes and feelings of a majority of the students. When it has done otherwise it has usually been when the united opinion of our editing committee has been adverse to that majority, and we felt we should not keep silent. These latter cases have been, however, few.

Considering we have said enough about ourselves and work we leave our readers to the tender mercies of our successors, and our successors to theirs: we have all confidence in both parties and hope their relations will be as cordial as ours have been.

THE important changes in the curriculum for the Arts course, the addition of the course for the degree of D. Sc., and the reformation of a course for the degree of LL.B., are this issue announced. We have tried to give as full and satisfactory information as was possible in the space at our disposal, but for any further information on the subject we must refer our readers to the Calendar which will be published in a few weeks and which may be had on application. Special comment on these changes and additions is out of the question. They are very sweeping; nothing that has been done is unimportant, and a large amount of space might easily be taken up in showing their utility in this day and generation. No one can even glance over them without noticing the number of options and the chance this

offers to those desiring to take a special course. The creation of the degree of D. Sc. gives an opportunity to the specialist to prosecute further those particular studies which in his B.A. course he has chosen as his favorites. But while thus giving an opportunity to specialists, those desiring to have a general education (as far as such a thing can now-a-days be spoken of,) are by no means debarred from obtaining it as easily as ever heretofore, in fact, if anything more easily, for the increased teaching staff and improved appliances must greatly benefit all those who in the future make Queen's their Alma Mater.

Another important change and one which the JOURNAL has often advocated is the change in the requirements for the degree of M. A. Heretofore, as is well known to those connected with Queen's, this degree has been given to any B. A. who two years after graduation wrote an approved thesis and paid the necessary fees. Now, as will be seen on reference, the standard has been raised. There is virtually an examination for the degree, and an M. A. of the future will be *prima facie* evidence of a higher scholarship than the ordinary B. A. This degree has also had a certain amount of practical utility given to it by being made one of the two degrees required before the degree of D. Sc. can be taken.

Many also of the smaller changes, must also be beneficial and we would advise all interested to closely peruse them. As to the re-established faculty of Law we will say a few words concerning it in another column.

WE are delighted (if an editor may give way to his feelings) that the University authorities have resolved to establish a Law Faculty, and thus furnish to those who aspire to be our future lawyers and judges the same advantages in the study of their intended profession as do the Medical