

THE GAZETTE, no one can affirm that we lacked straightforwardness or a desire for the best interests of the University, and it has never been alleged that we were unready to acknowledge an error or remedy an omission. In our last issue the University was inferentially blamed for the state of affairs spoken of in connection with the entrance to the profession of teaching, when the blame should have fallen on the Council of Public Instruction. When the University is doing its best to remove this, as well as the other restriction, it was extremely regrettable that we should have appeared to throw any obstacle in the way. This action might lead the general reader to suppose that these regulations were framed either by the Normal School or by the University. On the contrary, the former is interested only in carrying them out, whilst they were evidently purposely intended to operate against the graduates, more especially honour graduates of the latter, and in favour of certain other institutions in the Province, whose great ambition is to make it appear that their graduates are superior to those of McGill. In these institutions there are no options in the final years, and no honour courses, and in consequence, as Latin and Greek are compulsory throughout the course, their graduates are not affected by these regulations, whereas, as pointed out in the editorial alluded to, graduates of McGill are seriously so. This is highly unfair, and imperatively demands a remedy, so that all graduates may be on the same footing.

A UNIVERSITY BANQUET.

There have been four notable faculty dinners this year in connection with McGill, yet not one has been attended with the magnificence that should characterize such gatherings. The nature of the case forbids it—the numbers are not large enough. Sufficient means are not forthcoming, and altogether there was an element of dissatisfaction in each of them. The energy was too diffused, which, if concentrated, would bring forth something to the credit of the University. When each faculty sits down to its own dinner, the contrast with every day life is not marked enough to give zest to the meeting; the men have seen each other on previous occasions, and to be present with the professors is no novel thing. The good results arising from a dinner are acknowledged, and if the four faculties combined their efforts, they would be magnified more than four-fold. Some years ago Dr. Johnson proposed that this should be done, and it would be as he said, "a magnificent sight." This is the scheme we are now

advocating, and we hope next year it will find favour enough to induce all the students of McGill to sit down and break bread together. It would then partake of the nature of a University gathering, and we would enlarge it still more, to include the graduates and the other friends of McGill. The students would be brought into closer relation, the professors would take counsel with those who are carrying on the same work, the graduates could explain their ideas for the University's advancement, and its friends would know of its needs. Much would be gained, nothing would be sacrificed, and there is really no obstacle in the way. It would be a movement tending toward a University day which would serve to consolidate all the elements of which the Institution is composed. The best time for such a reunion would be before the hurry of the session is at its height—that is in the fall—and the most convenient day would be that on which the University lecture is delivered. The students are agreed in its favour, and the only thing needed for its accomplishment is that a few men of energy in each faculty should take the initiative. The virtue has not gone out of McGill, and whoever will be instrumental in carrying out this scheme, will incur a deep debt of gratitude and the reward which doing good to their College will bring in its train.

We hope to see the scheme carried out next session.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The students of the Donalda Department have year by year strengthened the ties that bind them to McGill and to each other by instituting certain societies and customs, which constitute so much of what is termed college life in a University. Cap and gown mark the undergraduates as striving to reach a common goal; the fortnightly meetings of the Delta Sigma furnish an opportunity for pleasant re-union and mutual improvement; the energetic members of the Theo Dora acquire no small amount of both funds and information; the Lawn Tennis Club, too, the oldest organization of the lady students, must not be forgotten.

But the present session is eventful, in that two more important steps have been taken, the one relating to physical, and the other to mental culture. We refer in the first place to the class in gymnastics, held under the direction of Miss Barnum, every Wednesday morning. The number of students attending is small—fourteen—but we are informed that they make excellent progress, and we venture to predict that the hour a week spent in bodily exercise will not tend to lower their standing when the mental test of the