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### Students' Competition.

ATTENTION is specially called to the announcement appearing in the Students' Department of this number regarding a competition for students and draughtsmen. The sole object of this competition is to encourage and benefit Canadian students of architecture. It has been remarked that the students of the present day in Canada do not display as great ambition or put forth as much effort to achieve success as did the students of eight or ten years ago. Our own experience in connection with recent students' competitions seems to bear out this