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It will be noticed that the present number contains a full account of the University Banquet, and for that reason the usual Departments of "The Gazette" have been held in abeyance until next week.

Editorials.

THE UNIVERSITY BANQUET.

There can be little or no doubt in the minds of any who were present at the University Banquet, that it was in nearly all respects a complete success. There is great cause for congratulation at the un-

broken harmony that distinguished it from the time the large crowd filed into the dining hall and took their places, without confusion or error, until the strains of the National Anthem fittingly ended the first University dinner.

Of the material part of the dinner nothing more need be said than that in this respect the Windsor maintained its reputation for cuisine and service. Had it been possible, however, to have commenced the banquet more nearly at the time fixed, opportunity would have offered, with a somewhat long programme, for an interlude of promenade and conversation, or an extension of the post-prandial frolics of the convivial spirits that remained. There was nothing of overbearing solemnity, from the presence of the University's great men, or stiffness of manner, from the fact that the ladies were there. In respect of Chancellor, governors, and professors, their presence gave the occasion dignity, while their patriotic and earnest speeches were a pleasure and profit to all; while, as for the ladies, the only regret we have heard is that there were not more of them.

Where the great object of such a gathering is, undoubtedly, to draw closer all the departments and features of the University, the success of the past dinner, and of all to come, must greatly depend upon how far this object has been attained. The present gathering brought a large number of graduates and undergraduates into more immediate and social contact with those who are concerned with the management of the University, who had been in it and with it during the time of its early struggles, had marked its advance, and themselves been contributors to the constant progress of McGill. In this there was profit to both, and the opportunity the undergraduates had of making known the status and feeling of their several Faculties to men who are in general eager to know more of those whom they rule and teach, was one which no other occasion could offer. Hitherto there have been two distinct lives in McGill, and the sole opportunity for undergraduate expression was when the solitary Valedictorian was expected to make the fun on the solemn occasions when classes are dispersed and friendships broken up.

It must, however, not be forgotten that pleasure is, perhaps, more than profit, an object of all dinners, and the University dinner is no exception to the