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Editorials.

STUDENTS VS. UNIVERSITY.

THE students of Queen's have long been noted for their aggressiveness and enthusiasm in regard to the needs of the University. These qualities they have exercised on various occasions when assistance from some source was required. For some time back the graduating "Year's" have endeavored to leave behind them some useful memorial of their love for their Alma Mater. There are two outstanding monuments of this sort of beneficence already recorded in the U.D.B., namely, the 'or Fellowship and the Grant Hall. The success of these undertakings has inspired the student body to widen their influence by becoming a property-owning corporation within the University. The Athletic Committee of the Alma Mater Society purchased the athletic field

and fitted it up into a first class field for sports and football. Not satisfied with this the A.M.S. had fully decided to proceed at once to raise funds for a gymnasium which it expected to hold under conditions similar to those under which the Athletic field is held.

All this enthusiasm and devotion to the University is very commendable, but there is always the danger that the students will begin to think they are a much more important factor in University politics than they really are. They very soon begin to think that their slightest wish must be heeded and that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of any project they proposed to undertake. The late gymnasium scheme is a case in point, and the condition of that enterprise at the present time illustrates most effectively the fact that there cannot be two separate bodies in the University having power to exploit different projects that require an appeal to the generosity of our friends. The University is larger than the A. M. S. and it should have the final voice in all matters where gifts from benefactors are required. The A.M. S. ought not to move in such questions without authority or permission from the governing board; indeed we think the society should have no power to do so even if it had the will.

In the last number of the Journal it was stated that all arrangements were made to begin raising the funds for a new gymnasium. Everything was settled and voted through the A. M. S. All the committee had to do was to secure the consent of the Finance Committee of the University. When the scheme was presented to these well-trained financiers, they ap-