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### Editorials

#### FACULTY OF LAW.

A year or two ago some severe strictures were passed upon the Faculty of Law in the columns of THE GAZETTE. Without entering into the merits of a past discussion, it may be noted that the articles of that time were made use of by the late Secretary of the Bar in the attack which he made upon the rights and character of this University through its Law Faculty. It may also be noted that within the last

two years there has been a greater degree of regularity and care in the matter of lectures and examinations. Unquestionably, the Faculty of Law has been, to a great extent, overshadowed in interest by the rapid development and demands arising out of a yearly increasing number of students, that have been the fortunate lot of the other Faculties of the University. It must, however, never be lost sight of that the position which the University, and the English-speaking portion of the community, generally, take in this Province as regards representation in one of the foremost and most important of the professions, will largely depend on McGill's Faculty of Law. This fact, and the further necessity of maintaining the prestige of an honourable list of graduates, seems to be well realized by the professors of the Faculty, and their efforts, in spite of meagre remuneration, a small number of students, and the very limited English field of this Province, from which they may as yet hope to draw, are worthy of great credit. Much more at their hands, than is at present being accomplished, can hardly be looked for until the Faculty has secured several crying necessities. Foremost among these needs are: A building, containing library and lecture-rooms, of its own within easy reach of the offices down-town, and, at least, two professors to give their entire time to the work of the Faculty, and the use and needs of the library. So equipped, there is but little or no reason why our Faculty of Law should not become the foremost training school of legal culture in the country, and attract to itself, not only the greater number of aspirants to the Bar in this Province, but students and graduates from other Faculties and from other Provinces, seeking that broader, and still useful, basis of learning that comes from a knowledge of jurisprudence, and especially of its three greatest forms as, of necessity, concurrently taught in Quebec. It, of course, goes without saying, that in order to accomplish this, the Faculty will require a considerable endowment. But surely the generosity that has afforded the means of greater and better literary training, and has advanced Science in all its departments, will shortly recognize the importance of training men for a profession which fills so large and important a place in our political and social life.