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Editorials.

THE FACULTY OF LAW.

The meeting of the Graduates Society on the 23rd inst. was an important one, in more than one way. One thing unmistakably demonstrated by the discussion on the Law Faculty is that a change in the *personnel* of our Representative Fellows is distinctly necessary. One at least of them who spoke on that evening represents in no way the graduates of the

University. He has been put in year after year because no one was found sufficiently interested and energetic to oppose his election. He may be said to represent in a concentrated form, the apathy, the depreciatory superciliousness, and the conceited mediocrity of the constituency. This is not the man to represent the graduates in a body which is already stagnant enough. Neither is he the man to be Representative who knows almost nothing of the affairs of the Faculty which he is supposed to represent, and who speaks and votes in direct opposition to the expressed opinions of the graduates of that Faculty. Some younger blood will have to be infused into the body, and some of the older men, with very old ideas, relegated to the shades of retirement. When the proper time comes we shall give our opinion upon this matter more fully.

We were certainly to a large degree disappointed with the meeting to which we refer,—not with regard to the result, for the resolutions adopted contained very much of what we have been advocating in these columns, but because there were found those who had the imperviousness to maintain, in the face of the universally declared opinion of both graduates and undergraduates to the contrary, that the Faculty of Law was in an efficient condition. We were surprised at any one rising to maintain that position after the *exposé*, which was made in one of our recent numbers.

No arguments of any value were advanced against the plan of having a young professor specially paid. We may say that in Dalhousie Law School, which is the birth of a year or so ago, but which is already beginning to attract attention, there are ten professors, only one of whom is paid a cent. There was a proposal made at the meeting that the Faculty should make regulations that their secretary be more particular, that proper rolls of attendance be kept, and so on. They might as effectually resolve that they will henceforth be the best Faculty of Law in the world. They may make regulations till they become black in the face, to use a forcible expression, but what good will it do! There are regulations enough on record; it is not more regulations which are wanted, but some means of insuring the carrying out of the regulations which are already supposed to be in force. It is for this reason we say, that if the idea of having a special