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## Editorials.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

NOW that we have a real gymnasium, now that it is being rapidly equipped with proper materials for real athletic training, now that we have a capable instructor and a medical examiner, now is the time to consider what use the University is going to make of these.

The present athletic fee is \$3, paid by every intra-mural student at registration. The sum collected this year from this source is about \$2,500. This sum is at the disposal of the Athletic Committee of the Alma Mater Society. As that Committee has full financial responsibility for the gymnasium, it has also full financial control of it, and the gymnasium bears to that Committee the same relation as any of the Athletic Clubs. The gymnasium is costing as it stands, about \$27,000. To meet this, \$7,000 was received from the old fund, the grant of the endowment committee, etc. \$20,000 is left for the A. M. S. to provide. Subscriptions to the extent of \$8,000 have been signed by professors and students, mostly in the form of five annual payments, of which \$2,000 has already been paid; so that about \$18,000 remains bearing interest, and about \$5,000 provided by subscriptions. As regards running expenses, one can speak only after some years' experience. They will vary with varying conditions. The instructor's salary is \$720: the interest due next year will amount to \$720. It is not known yet what the expense will be for light, heat, water, renewing and adding equipment. But it is estimated that \$1,600, at least, will be necessary to meet each year's expenditure, under existing conditions. The imperative thing, of course, is to lessen the capital account. It is expected that the students in the future will do their duty towards the reduction of this account, even as the present body of students have done theirs. If it could be lowered to about \$7,000, it would not be the burden on the financial ability, of the committee that it now is, and the present athletic fee of \$3, with careful financing, would be sufficient.

None of the college fees are at all commensurate with value received; were we millionaires, we could not adequately recompense those who have opened the doors of truth to us. It is contrary to the Queen's spirit to