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## Editorial.

THE men of Law and Science evidently are trying to embarrass their Deans and the Principal. This evening Law dines and Science dances. It seems rather too bad that these pleasant functions should clash, yet the University is a large settlement nowadays, and moreover news travels slowly. It is worthy of note that Law did actually hear some time ago that the dance was announced for Friday evening, and changed the date of the dinner in consequence. The Dance Committee do not wish to compete with a large dance in the city, and so changed their date. When this disconcerting news reaches Law, the invitations are already out for the dinner. "Where is the man who can live without dining?" Man must dine on the evening arranged by the Faculty. Thus the arrangements go merrily on and those suffer most who feel obliged to accept both invitations.

We do these things better in Arts!

REPORTS of Club and Year meetings reach the FORTNIGHTLY, but very tardily. Thus in our athletic column one will look in vain for a notice of the special general meeting of the Athletic Association. The chief business of the meeting concerned the grounds' fee and the athletic clubs. The Committee appointed last term has looked carefully into the needs of the Clubs, and reports that an extra eight hundred dollars must be raised to meet present requirements. As

about eight hundred students actually pay their grounds' fee, it seems very simple to ask an even dollar more all round. A petition is now being circulated in the Faculties, asking Corporation to sanction this increase, and it becomes at once the duty of every man in every Faculty to hunt up the petition this week and get his name on the list. Those who know are very positive that nothing but a large petition can have any weight with Corporation, so it may be feared that the indifference of a few may defeat the endeavour of the Association.

ENGLISH engineers are giving a great deal of praise to Professor Callender and Nicholson for their steam engine tests. It will be a source of gratification to many who did not attend the meeting of the British Association to think that some at least of the good things of the year were kept for English publication. If the lay mind can grasp the conclusions arrived at from the tests we shall attempt to secure an article on the subject.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the Literary Society in general, and our debaters, Messrs. Archibald and Heeney in particular. It is no easy matter to defeat Toronto in debate. Never before in the memory of '98 has McGill won.