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EDITORIAL

WITH the present number we close volume V. of the MCGILL GAZETTE. The existence of this journal has on the whole been of a rather precarious nature; but we flatter ourselves that this year's paper has been superior to any of the earlier volumes, not only as regards matter, but also in respect of style. We would not, however, have our readers to believe that the editors regard their efforts as in any respect perfect. That there is room for improvement, we frankly admit, yet we cannot refrain from congratulating ourselves on the favour and success with which the GAZETTE has met during the past year. So much for the past. A word now as to the future. The size and form of the paper will be unchanged next session. We will endeavour to secure the co-operation of the best talent in the University on the staff, and we ask the students to procure subscriptions for us during the summer months. The first number will be out soon after the 15th of September, 1879, and if pecuniary prospects will warrant it, the issue will be more frequent than formerly. We cannot conclude without expressing our obligations to our contributors. Some of them have done us excellent service, and we thank them for it.

AN apology is due our readers for the delay in the issuing of the present number. At the usual date of the appearance of the GAZETTE the greater part of our staff were engaged either with their "Sessionals" or in preparation for the examinations then drawing nigh, and, in consequence, the demand of the Managing Editor on each for his *quota* was only productive of a growl or an 'unkind' word. As soon, however, as they were at liberty the publishing

of the journal was immediately entered upon and, if late, the editors hope that the contents of the paper, will prove of equal interest and by no means inferior to its predecessors.

A VERY great want is felt by the Science students in the fact that there are no models whatever to illustrate the lectures on drawing. The subject as it is taught to them is a difficult one, but it might be made very much easier by proper models. The lecturer performs his duty as well as he possibly can, but he finds it difficult enough to explain certain problems in orthographic, projection and in perspective by means of drawings alone, or by such models as he can extemporize out of books and sheets of foolscap. It is to be hoped that some improvement will be seen in this respect next year.

OUR readers will observe in another column an account of the second annual dinner of the students in Law. Now, there is nothing particularly remarkable in the fact that a graduating class should meet the men they leave behind them around the social board. The custom is an old one, in Arts at all events, and the only reason why we refer to the Law dinner is, in the first place, to commend the good feeling which exists among the Law students. Unlike their brethren in Arts and Medicine, the Law students are by no means continually at lectures. They meet, in very uninviting quarters, for an hour or two daily, and it might consequently be presumed from the scanty intercourse necessitates that there would be little *esprit de corps* amongst them. To their credit, however, it must be admitted that there is a great deal of *esprit de corps*, and other faculties might learn a lesson from the hearty, brotherly feeling exhibited by our legal confrères. Of course, it is only natural that there should be a bond amongst pro-