

we leave to their good sense to determine. This as a general rule. But there is a point beyond which endurance ceases to be a virtue and tolerance becomes a fault. Conservatism is the healthiest tone that can be given to a College but a time must come when this policy, like a hitherto sound body exhausted at last by the pains of a racking disease, requires stimulating. Innovations of a character, agreeable to the majority must be introduced and unless they are maintained by the whole community, these changes will be fraught with more ill than good.

The publication of the *University Gazette* in 1873 was a move in the right direction, but its suppression in 1874 for want of adequate support demonstrated clearly that there was very little energy among our men and still less of that public spirit which alone can prove to the world that McGill College is not the cave of Trophobius whence issue sombre and melancholy pedants with no other influence than such as gloomy Literature and science can give them. With which object in view we endeavour to make the development of the body equal to that of the brain, let us see with what result.

The Athletic sports were established apparently on a firm footing in 1873 but it was at the expense of the Founder's Festival which together with the other would have expended more vitality than the College could afford to lose.

And not only this but after a lengthened prosperity of two years, the sum collected for our last sports was not enough to exclude the question of a deficit from the anxious mind of the gentlemen composing the Committee. While on this subject we would remind the Law Students that they are not a body politic and corporate doing business as such at their place of business in St. James Street, but a part and parcel of McGill, to the annual sports of which next year we give them a cordial welcome even if they are unwilling to subscribe. It will be a point gained if they find the College grounds to which their obedient servants the guardians of the peace will direct them, if they themselves should fail in doing so. And still they come. The Committee of three appointed to procure

a University Ribbon after bestowing much labour on the attainment of a distinctive badge became the victims of ingratitude and failing to dispose of more than one eighth of the quantity purchased have determined to effect the insertion of their names among the benefactors on the donation sheet of the college. Efforts so stupendous as these proved too much for the resources of the undergraduates who feeling exhausted lapsed unto a state of lethargy from which they made a desperate attempt to recover. At the opening of this Session by re-organizing the College Paper under the sententious title of the MCGILL GAZETTE, *New Series Vol. 11*. But no sooner was it given to the public than the resurrectionists began to lose all interest in the work that had been reared from its ashes. It requires no consultation with a Cassandra to predict the result of the present undertaking. We have only to take one glance at the spirit now prevailing and another at the list of subscribers to promise our readers a McGill Chronicle Renewed Series Vol. 111 in the year 1880. Even if Vol. 11 should live through its allotted year of existence we shall have to thank those who support us in the world outside and not those who ought to do so in the college itself. when there is a sufficient number of undergraduates to pay current expenses it is somewhat mortifying to look to extraneous sources for finances, and still more discouraging to the editors that, in addition to the trouble and annoyance of conducting the Gazette, they should be held responsible for its debts when the credit sheet shews "want of funds." Let the carpers, who censured us for not giving due notice of meetings at which every man might have a fair chance of election, take warning and not be too anxious to secure appointment to Committees of reforms especially when these necessitate a heavy pecuniary outlay. We are far from disinterested in our outcry, but at the same time we would recommend our *Alumni* to give serious consideration to the fact that they are not doing their duty to an organ whose object is to promote their interests, and that they are lacking in that zeal which, for want of a more forcible term, we must designate *esprit de corps*. *Majora canemus*.