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I remain yours etc.,

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After a silence of nearly eighteen months, caused by the traditional "circumstances over which we had no control," the *Gazette* again prepares to accost its readers. For the length of time which has intervened between our last issue and our present number, we are well aware that excuses and apologies are in order, and we propose to make them as brief as possible. An unfortunate and unforeseen accident was the final cause of our suspension, a suspension which,

however, was due in a great measure to a lack of that spirit and enterprise among the students which sustained us so well during the first year of our existence. To a revival of that spirit our present appearance is due, and we trust that henceforth the *Gazette* will have in McGill a permanent local habitation as well as a name. We are fortunate in that we owe no apologies to our subscribers, inasmuch as they received the paper regularly until the expiration of their subscriptions. To those exchanges who, in touching confidence, continued to send to us during the time in which we were not, we beg to express our sincere regrets for our involuntary short-comings, to assure them that we will always be mindful of their kindness, and to promise that in the future we will do our best to atone for the faults of the past. To those others who (very properly) have cut us off from their exchange lists, we beg to offer an assurance that we shall not again be found wanting, and to express a hope that they will allow us to renew the very pleasant relations of old times.

The aim of the *Gazette* will be to continue in the way which from the first it marked out for itself, that of an essentially University journal. By that we do not mean, on the one hand, that we intend to become a repository for all the small talk which is exchanged in the halls between lectures, or over the social pipe around the evening fire. Nor do we, on the other hand, consider that we have a providential mission to circulate those "yearnings after the infinite," soul-stirring appeals to man's inner consciousness, and thrilling poetical effusions in which the spirit of rhapsody oversteps the trammelling exigences of rhyme and metre, which occupy so large a space in the columns of some of