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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new;  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Christmas time has come again with all its hallowed associations. Pleasant thoughts of the home far away flit through the mind, and bring a bright gleam to the eye of the weary student. Visions of roast goose and its accompanying plum-pudding bring a smile to his face as with eager heart he shuts up his books and sets out on a well-earned vacation. Examinations are past, and an opportunity is given for needed relaxation and preparation for the final struggle in the spring.

Christmas, of all seasons of the year, is the time when a man is pre-eminently at peace with himself and all

the world. It takes us back eighteen centuries and more to an event of momentous importance in the world's history, graced by the Angels' song of "Peace on earth, good-will toward man."

It signalizes the death of the Old and the birth of the New. In every nation, Christian and otherwise, Christmas is the time of universal festivity and joy. The holly, the mistletoe, the yule-log, and the carols, all are links between the present and the past. The bells from their joyous throats sing a song of peace and happiness which rolls in a harmonious flood over the length and breadth of the land. To Canadians, Christmas is above all the time for pleasure. What a delight it is to bind on the snowshoe and take a run over the crisp snow that sparkles like diamonds in the moonlight! With what a throb of exultation does the blood leap in our veins as the rapid sleigh, with its tuneful bells, glides over the snow, and we draw in the keen, life-giving air! No wonder a Canadian loves his winter; it brings happiness and rosy health to every cheek. Let us then enjoy our holiday to the best of our ability, and may peace and good-will be the lot of all of us. The FORTNIGHTLY wishes everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

## THE UNION CLUB.

When the subject of a Union Club for McGill was first broached in our columns a few weeks ago, there seemed to be little prospect of its realization at any time in the near future. When we thought of the deliberation with which the promoters of the University Song Book, and, we might add, the University pin, had proceeded, it did not at first sight appear likely that so serious an undertaking as the formation of a Union Club should, during the present session at least, advance beyond the stage of discussion. In all this, however, we have been agreeably disappointed. It seems as if there were a latent desire on the part of the undergraduates for some such institution, and the mere suggestion enabled them to realize how deeply the want of a common meeting-place for the students of the different faculties was felt.

Our readers will have noted with pleasure the communication in our last issue, from the Executive Committee of the University Glee and Banjo Club, in which they announce their intention of devoting the proceeds of their Christmas tour to the proposed Union. This action on the part of the Glee Club gives them a new