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Editorials.

GREETING.

In presenting the first number of the GAZETTE for the session of 1885-6 the editors have again earnestly to bespeak the cordial support and sympathy of the graduates and undergraduates of the University.

The absence from the editorial staff of Mr Walter H. Turner, B.A., whose able pen and untiring energy were placed unreservedly and unselfishly at the paper's disposal last year in his capacity of editor-in-chief is a loss which necessitates a great exertion on the part of the present board to maintain the position and excellence now, it is hoped, achieved.

It is but reasonable to expect that those who have been instrumental in reviving this paper and establish-

ing it on a firm basis financially, will not continue to withhold that assistance without which it will be impossible for the GAZETTE to fulfil any useful purpose or become the recognized voice of McGill's alumni. If it fails to become this, the fault will lie with the students and graduates in whose interest alone this journal is published, and whose encouragement and countenance it is our aim to deserve and appreciate. Last year was very prosperous as far as material results were concerned, but the apathy and neglect of large numbers of those who were justly and openly appealed to for literary aid left something to be desired in this essential feature of the paper.

Not being the organ of any faction, but the unprejudiced medium through which the sentiments and ideas of all friends of McGill may find expression, the endeavor will be to amend every error of the past, improve upon every success, and command respect and confidence. The editorial policy of a paper of this class must be a straightforward independent criticism of matters affecting the college, tempered by a respectful modesty which will disarm the opposition so easily raised against the exuberant readiness of youth to solve all the serious problems of life. Guided by this rule we look for the approval of active minds ever searching for reforms, at the same time avoiding the censure of those dispassionate and responsible persons who have hitherto refrained from yielding even a passive support to the objects of a college paper.

These columns will always be open to expressions of opinion couched in proper language, and such communications whether they contain praise or blame of our conduct, will be equally welcome, as an evidence that the GAZETTE is regarded by its readers as the most fitting channel for the interchange of their ideas.

Contributions of an interesting, instructive or amusing kind are earnestly solicited, so that the standard of excellence in this department as regards merit and variety may be preserved. It is also hoped that those who have it in their power to render the paper's office as a chronicle of college events more perfect and complete, will voluntarily lend their services in this direction.

The students and younger graduates we hope will believe that the GAZETTE exists primarily for them, that our treatment of them and their affairs will ever