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**T**HE admiration which our new cut has  
caused will be our apology for a few  
words in regard to the JOURNAL. While this  
admiration is fresh and while the students are  
still expressing their satisfaction at the change  
we take this favourable opportunity to criticize  
our own JOURNAL. Besides, we are approach-  
ing the end of the session, and perhaps this  
criticism and a few suggestions may help to  
make the JOURNAL worthier of the name and  
the handsome cut she bears. Two years ago  
the students thought that a weekly form would  
be fresher and more interesting than the old  
fortnightly. Accordingly the change was made.  
We have now had two years' experience of the  
weekly. The result has been a larger sub-  
scription list in the College, but perhaps we  
have looked to this end too much and have for-  
gotten that outsiders also have an interest in  
the JOURNAL. These two facts we now pro-  
pose to consider.

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What impression is the JOURNAL in its pres-  
ent form likely to make on outsiders, particu-  
larly on students of other Colleges who receive  
it as an exchange? Not a very favourable one,  
we fear; yet it is one of the important functions  
of a College Journal to represent in a favour-  
able light to outsiders the University by whose  
students it is published; for by it to a great

degree the University is judged. As for our  
exchanges, no one save the exchange editor  
studies them very carefully, and we presume  
that it is much the same in other places; it is  
more their outward appearance and a general  
summary of their contents that is taken into  
consideration. Viewed from this standpoint  
our own JOURNAL is, we regret to say, as to  
appearance small, flimsy, and of mediocre  
paper and as to contents scrappy.

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But what, as a matter of fact, has been the  
effect of the change upon our exchanges? In  
the first place we do not receive nearly so  
many of the first class as we formerly did.  
We have still some, but a great number have  
dropped off, and in their stead we get the  
Journals of smaller and comparatively insignifi-  
cant Colleges, which are well enough in their  
way, but by no means replace the old.

Secondly, from those that do remain we do  
not receive as much notice as before, and what  
we do get is for the most part unfavourable.  
*Glasgow University Magazine* and *Edinburgh  
Student* are indeed exceptions, but we had  
given them so much praise previous to their  
favourable comments on ourselves that their  
criticisms can hardly be considered as other  
than a return. Our praise for them was indeed  
fully justified, but nevertheless rather pre-  
judices what they say of us. The amount of  
notice given us, however, by Journals of any  
sort has greatly diminished since the weekly  
form was adopted; much smaller Universities  
than Queen's publish Journals that make a far  
greater show, and get much longer and more  
favourable comment; a state of matters which  
may not much concern the average student  
subscriber, who cares not at all for the form  
provided he is given plenty of jokes on his fel-  
low-students, with which he is the better pleased  
the more personal they are, provided he him-  
self escapes; but which cannot but give out-  
side Colleges, and their students who look at  
the exchange table, a poor opinion of Queen's,