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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

VALEDICTORY.

With this issue, Vol. IV. of the FORTNIGHTLY is completed, and the labors of the present Editorial Board come to an end. While it is undoubtedly a relief, especially at this trying part of the session, to be free, yet it is not without regret that we sever our connection with our College journal. The work has not been uncongenial, and it has been a very great pleasure to do this year, as best we could, that portion of the work which has fallen within the sphere of the Editorial Board. We have a lively sense of the defects attending our work, and we need scarcely say that we fully appreciate now the difficulties in the way of carrying on an enterprise of this kind. The fact that students, and especially Final Year men, can only spare a comparatively small portion of their time from their sessional tasks, and that, therefore, their work must be hasty and defective, is a consideration, but not the most important; the chief difficulty is to meet satisfactorily the wants and wishes of our readers. It is necessary to produce a paper, first of all, that will satisfy the undergraduates; one they will take a living interest in, look forward to, welcome when it comes, read, contribute to, and, most

important of all, subscribe for: to suit all, from Freshman to Final man, is an almost impossible task of itself. Then we have our professors, graduates, etc., and general readers, and, lastly, it is most essential that our Journal should adequately represent the noble institution whose name it has borrowed, and be able to hold its own with those other college journals with which we exchange in Canada, the States, and over the sea. In view of these considerations, we feel that the captious reader will be inclined to show us some indulgence.

One feature of our policy, however, we have adhered to from the beginning,—the Undergraduates have been our first consideration. The FORTNIGHTLY is and ought to be, first of all, a student's paper: *a studentibus studentibusque*.

Pursuant to this policy we have inserted in each issue, besides the Class Notes, one or two articles specially designed to relieve the hard worker and afford the necessary relaxation. This idea, we have reason to believe, has been appreciated by the students. The columns of the FORTNIGHTLY were thrown open to the students, and while more contributions might have been sent in, yet we are not inclined to complain, as, in this respect, we have been generously supported, many excellent articles having from time to time been forwarded to the Board. It is to be hoped the students will continue to do this in future. The FORTNIGHTLY ought to be of some practical advantage to the students, not only as affording them entertainment and instruction, but as a medium through which to convey their thoughts and sentiments on many matters, and to give them ample opportunity of cultivating their literary abilities.

While, therefore, it is with sincere pleasure that the Editorial Board can announce that the FORTNIGHTLY leaves their hands, as it came into their hands, in a prosperous condition, they are not without hope that certain changes may be made in the future which will be still more satisfactory to the students. It has been suggested that McGill ought to be represented in the literary world by something heavier than the FORTNIGHTLY. We concur in this view. The splendid monthlies and quarterlies received as exchanges incline us to the belief that the University of McGill is not doing herself full justice in the eyes