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Editorials.

With this number the Editors of THE UNIVERSITY GAZETTE complete their labours for the session of 1889-90, and in doing so they may fairly consider that it has not been in vain. During the past year there has been an extension of the subscribers' and advertisers' list, help has come from new quarters, and the impression is deepened that an honest attempt has been made to conduct a paper purely in the interests of the University. Early in the session the condition was not promising, but since then the students have lent their support with characteristic whole heartedness, in which the ladies of the Donalda Department were first, though latterly they considered it advisable to take a less active part in the management of the paper. To their editors belongs much of the credit

for the present standing of THE GAZETTE, and in this respect, as in many others, their department has been a source of strength to the College. The aim of THE GAZETTE has been to furnish some bond between all the Faculties, and to serve as a means of communication between them. To keep a course midway between conflicting opinions and interests was no easy task, and if the views of some have been entrenched upon, the unpleasantness was unavoidable. But, with all their difficulties, the Editors have a large measure of satisfaction in feeling that THE GAZETTE has kept pace with the progress of the University of which it has the honour to form a part.

The annual accounts of Convocations and the editorials thereon usually present a more or less stereotyped appearance. It is natural that the closing scenes of a four years' course should be stamped indelibly upon the mind. The reward of perseverance and scholarly achievement, the contrast of newly-acquired freedom with past drudgery long and wearisome, the opportunity of testing one's theories in the arena of active life at length realized, all these things serve to make memorable the day of one's graduation.

To the professors, friends and benefactors of a university it awakens still higher thoughts. It marks another stage in the development of a great institution, perhaps an epoch of as much importance to that institution as the day of graduation to the college student. Of the latter character, we have every reason to believe, was the 30th of April, 1890, in the annals of McGill University.

The Molson Hall could no longer contain the interested public. In the new hall of the Windsor Hotel over two thousand people had assembled at least half an hour before the appointed time. The doors were then closed, and hundreds were refused admittance. So eager were the public to witness the proceedings, that a large number remained standing in the crowded aisles for over four hours.

In many ways the Convocation was a memorable one. The breaking of seats, the college songs the noisy and frequently impertinent interruptions, all these things had passed away. Unfamiliar with their new surroundings, awed perhaps by the vast assembly, and themselves scattered here and there throughout