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WITH this issue Vol. XI. of the GAZETTE begins. It has been customary in years past to map out a programme for the paper in its initial number of each year, and so prepare our readers for what is coming, thus preventing any very severe shocks to the nervous system. It is not our intention to follow this course at present; not because we have the remotest idea of making our columns either insipid or wanting in the advocacy of even unpopular reforms, should the necessity arise, but because our labours in the past have had the effect of educating all our patrons up

to a sense of the great good resulting from judicious and courageous criticism. The nervous systems of even the most sensitive of our erstwhile invalids have, thanks to the GAZETTE's past course, become vastly improved, so that we apprehend little danger from vigorous and vigorously applied remedies. Our watchword is duty.

We welcome back to work all former students of the University, and trust that the vacation has given them stronger bodies and more vigorous minds to resume the winter's work. We welcome the freshmen, and bespeak for them a generous and warm-hearted introduction into college life. This early in the session we remind the former of their duties in the college, outside themselves. They owe it to their fellows and to the college to take a lively and an intelligent interest in the different societies which belong to McGill, and which are immediately under the control of their own faculty. Let this year surpass all former ones in the support given by the students to those organizations which aim to draw students more together, to set them at friendly rivalry with each other outside class-work, which will have the effect of uniting them to the college and to one another, and which will cultivate broad sympathies and generous competitions, which will, in themselves, be a source of pleasant remembrance all through life, besides educating them to be earnest, active, and sympathetic workers, not lookers-on, in the great school of life, for which they are preparing.

The freshmen have two evils to guard against—that of becoming bookish mopes, and that of degenerating into idle pleasure-seekers. The young man who enters college with no care but for the lectures, who takes no interest in college life outside his books, is making a grievous blunder; is losing one-half the good that college life should give; is cultivating a selfish and prejudiced spirit, which is bound to tell against him in after-life. He should be shaken up and out of himself. Such a career is only less dangerous, less blame-worthy, than that of the man who comes to college to have a good time, and who spends the whole of the session, year after year, in idle dissipation, under the impression that he is gaining experience, and sowing wild-oats in fashionable and very good society, while, in fact, he is making a fool of himself.