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## Editorials.

The aims of the McGill University Gazette are such as should win the approval of the class to which it appeals for support both literary and financial. No University can be considered complete unless there exists within it some medium whereby the earnest thoughts of fellow-workers can be freely interchanged-subject to no restrictions save those excluding matter likely to produce unkindly sentiment. While, therefore, the McGill Uni-VERSITY GAZETTE would discountenance any attack on a principle through a man, or any attack on an established order of things through people personally obnoxious to the impugner, it has at heart all matters touching true reform, and it will lend itself to the expression of frank, yet friendly criticism showing honesty of motive. There is only one topic on which its pages must be silent-speculation regarding religious beliefs. The founder of McGill College determined that its work should be secular, not sectarian, since a liberal education is of itself, if it be true, a powerful stimulus towards right-doing; and that the teaching of subjects peculiarly sacred and personal should justly be essayed by those whose thought is mature and whose definiteness of creed is in sympathy with all the youthful impulse they direct.

Such a conviction is, for obvious reasons, altogether desirable in regard to a College Journal,

The McGILL UNIVERSITY GAZETTE desires the hearty interest of both Graduates and Undergraduates. It will look to them for suitable material and will endeavour to meet the varied wishes of its subscribers by variety of news. The ardour of the College poet need no longer be repressed, and the anxiety of the College jester to see his crowning efforts in print can now be satisfied. In the GAZETTE the athlete may point to the record of his prowess, the would-be barrister to an early venture in the world of letters, the student in Arts to his pretty literary fancies, and the student in Medicine to that diversity of talent for which he is everywhere famous. It only remains for McGill College poets, jesters, athletes, barristers in futuro, and the general body of students in Arts, Applied Science, Medicine, and Law, to buy the McGILL UNIVERSITY GAZETTE.

College Journals are universally supposed to consist of little else than syllabub and whipped cream, but the Editors, while not forgetting that essential part of the monthly feast they hope to offer, desire more solid and satisfying food, especially from the senior men and from old graduates. The McGill University Gazette ought to reflect all sides of University life, and, in so far as it fails to recognise the existence of a little high thinking and low living, misses a vital purpose. The growing energy of the College, which has been strikingly manifested of late, should take the Cazette into its keeping. The Editors are confident it will do so, and they ask those who are displaying that energy to bear in mind, as they read this journal, the words with which John Lyly prefaced Euphues and his Envland—COMINED IT, OR AMEND IT. OR AMEND IT.

On the 4th and 5th of October the Medical Faculty celebrated the opening of the 5oth session.

The Introductory Lecture was delivered in the Redpath Museum by the newly appointed Dean, Dr. Howard, who dealt first with the early history of the Medical School, and then with the life and labours of the late Dr. G. W. Campbell. After the lecture, a Conversazione was held in the Museum, at which about 800 people were present.

On the next evening the Faculty entertained the Graduates to a banquet at the Windsor. Over 800 invitations were issued to the medical graduates, the governors, and representatives of other Universities. About 200 sat down, chiefly medical men—old graduates—many of whom had come from distant parts to honour their Alma Mater. Among representatives of other schools were Dr. Chadwick of Harvard, President Buckham of Vermont University, Dr. Covernton of Trinity Medical School (Toronto), Dr. Rottot of Laval (Montreal), Dr. D'Orsonnens of Victoria, and Dr. F. W. Campbell of Bishop's. The chair was occupied by Dr. Howard, and on his right was Dr. Robitaille, the Lieutenant-Governor, an alumnus of the University.

The Menu was most tastefully arranged with appropriate mottoes, chiefly