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### EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

WITH THE CLOSE of the Football season we turn from the campus to our various college societies and clubs, to get the recreation which our natures demand. Not the least important of these is the McGill Glee and Banjo Club.

Though an organization of but a few years, its development has been rapid and has already approached the hopes and aims of its founders. Its success is due to the excellent basis on which it has been founded and also to the untiring efforts of its promoters.

The officers and members of the Club, however, think that McGill as a whole does not give them the encouragement they deserve. While they do not desire any pecuniary aid, they do think that when a concert is given by the club, the professors and students should turn out to it in large numbers,—in fact, that they should attend *en masse*.

As its name implies, the McGill Glee and Banjo Club consists of two parts—vocal and instrumental. The instrumental part is composed of guitars and

banjos; the vocal portion consists of four parts, and is unlimited as regards numbers, so long as all the parts are balanced.

The glees learned are of a higher order of college songs than those usually found in the song-books.

The advantages to the students and to the University in having such an organization are greater than one would imagine. It gives to the students the opportunity of improving what musical talent they possess, to the University it gives such an advertisement as could be had in no other way. Not only in Montreal and Ottawa but all over the Lower Provinces has the McGill Glee and Banjo Club brought the name of McGill to the notice of the public. The trip which the Club took to the Lower Provinces last spring proved so successful that McGill has come to be a household word in every town the Club visited.

We are pleased to inform the readers of the FORTNIGHTLY that a concert will be given during the winter. We hope that whenever and wherever the Glee Club sings, the students will, by attending in large numbers, give the encouragement desired.

THE PAST FEW days have shown us perhaps a little too forcibly that winter, if not here, is close at hand, and at such a time nothing is more natural than for us to think about and make preparations for that season. In some directions there is ample occasion to think and opportunity to act.

With the winter, at McGill, end all our pleasant days upon the campus. There are no college clubs for winter sports, and, consequently, the tennis racket, cricket bat and football are laid away with a sigh. It is of course impossible to extend the tennis, cricket and football season, but the sigh might be made less audible, might perhaps vanish, could something be furnished to take the place of these sports.

The idea of an open air skating rink upon the college grounds is one that solves the problem admirably, and certainly commends itself to the majority of undergraduates. With it the other sports would be less missed, if missed at all, and the student enabled to take most invigorating exercise during that portion of the session in which, on account of the increase of work, he greatly requires it.