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### Editorials.

As many of our readers know, the term of office of the editors appointed last fall expired at the annual meeting of the shareholders, held on the 2nd of February. At that meeting the members of the old staff were, with one exception, re-elected to conduct the paper throughout the remainder of the collegiate year.

We regret that many have since resigned owing to pressure of work in preparing for the sessional examinations so that the burden has fallen upon the few who remain until the vacancies can be filled.

It is not our purpose either to extol or censure the course pursued by the late staff during the half of the session now closed. We cannot conscientiously render praise, and have no desire to act the part of traitors by our censure, but wish to share the responsibility. This much we affirm—that we shall strive as much as lies in our power to heal the wounds made by late hostile criticisms against the governors of the university and more particularly against our esteemed Principal—Sir William Dawson. We feel that we dare not, even were we so inclined, abuse the trust committed to us by calling in question the motives by which the man whom, of all others, students and citizens delight to honor, was actuated in regard to the

question of the admission of women to the educational advantages of the university, and we but voice the sentiments of the large majority of McGill men—whether graduates or undergraduates—when we state that our faith in Principal Dawson has not wavered and that we believe he ever acts to the best of his ability in the interests of the university. It is, no doubt, true that differences of opinion will exist in future, as in the past, between the *alumni* and the Board of Governors but we trust that the opinions of the former will be kindly expressed and breathe a spirit of loyalty to their *Alma Mater*.

Such a course will not, we think, divest the GAZETTE of the independent tone which has characterized it. Its columns will remain open to the expressions of needed reforms. All we ask is that these be given in a friendly manner and dictated by an honest motive.

This seems to be the only wise and just course to follow, for experience has taught us that little good is effected by harsh criticisms. Let us not prove so ungrateful as to hold up to public ridicule the little blemishes of our great institution, but in love conceal them until by our earnest, faithful efforts they may be removed. Its interests and our own are too closely interwoven to warrant such proceedings. Of its fame in the past we are justly proud and we hope to share in the greater fame of its future.

The K. 21 K., a society which which was started under comparatively favourable auspices, some six weeks ago, and was doing good work, came to an untimely end in the early part of last week. The *post mortem* examination revealed as the probable cause of death a progressive pernicious anemia.

The diseased condition of the Society appears to have been to a general indifference and a lack of enthusiasm among the majority of the members, complicated in the later stages by nervous symptoms occasioned by rumours of a disquieting nature concerning the attitude of the secret society blood-hounds, which were said to be on the society's track.

Looked at in a serious light the complete failure of such a modest effort to promote musical culture among the students of the University argues unfavourably for the success of more ambitious enterprises in the future. As a drowning man clings to a straw, we cling to the