

the incorporators—namely, to make of the paper a student's organ, founded by the students, subscribed to by the men of McGill, and contributed to by the undergraduates of each and every of the various faculties and affiliated branches of the University. In the past, complaints have been made that former efforts did not have this end in view, and that the students themselves had no part or parcel in the publications formerly issued. To a certain extent, these complaints may have been well founded; but the glaring fact still stands forth prominently, that while the undergraduates are ready and willing to see such an enterprise carried to a successful issue, at the same time they are not ready by individual effort and contribution to carry out their expressed views and opinions. There has not been, even during the session now drawing to a close, a sufficient manifestation of interest in the manner indicated, and the advantages to be derived from the contribution of articles dealing with the different phases of college life, as well as of articles of a purely literary character, have been largely enjoyed by lecturers, graduates and members of the staff. This is not as it should be; and if the undergraduates desire to see an organ which will fitly and fully represent their interests, they must be willing to contribute in some measure to the attainment of their object.

If we may be allowed now to speak from the point of view of statistics, although this may be considered as a trenching on the province of the financial board, the paper has been most successful. The ordinary circulation has been approximately seven hundred and fifty copies per issue, running as high at one time as nine hundred copies. The editors have also endeavored, in so far as the effort was commensurate with the means, financial and otherwise, at their disposal, to furnish as large an amount of reading matter as was possible, and are pleased to state that they have been enabled to improve on their first promise of twelve pages, and to provide numbers averaging some eighteen pages an issue. True, this year ten numbers only have been given, but when it is taken into consideration that October was well advanced before matters were satisfactorily placed in running order, further explanation is not necessary.

In this connection, it is a matter of regret that the Board are unable to furnish a complete report from the financial management. It had been looked forward to as possible, but owing to the numerous items which of necessity are held over until the final issue of the Journal, a report, which would be satisfactory in its completeness, is an impossibility. This report, however, as provided for by the constitution, will appear in the first number of the issue of 1893-4 under the new auspices.

The innovation, this year inaugurated, of appointing "Class-reporters" from the various years has, on the whole, worked most satisfactorily, and the matter sent in by the majority of the officers has been of a valuable nature, and has aided the faculty editors very largely in providing reading matter of an interesting character to the different faculties which they represent. Still, an advance can here again be made, and it

should be an important consideration for each year to use their discretionary powers to the utmost in selecting men who will fill in an acceptable manner the position offered them by the united suffrages of their years. Of course, the matter thus submitted has again to be sifted by the Faculty editor, and a lively rivalry should spring up among these subordinate officers as to who should supply the largest amount of accepted material.

Another question has occupied the attention of the editorial staff this session, and that is as to whether a definite division of the duties devolving on the editors in general would not be advisable. This year the duty of filling up the columns of sports, exchanges and Legal news has often devolved on the editor-in-chief, in addition to his other responsible offices, and it would seem as if a pre-arranged apportionment of these duties would operate as an advantage, when we consider the large ground the Journal has to cover and the varied character of its reading matter. These few suggestions are among those which most readily suggest themselves to the members of the retiring board; and if they be considered by the new staff in the perfect feeling of good fellowship and encouragement with which they are put forward, our labors and the benefits of our experience will not have been without a good result.

With these few remarks the editors of 1892-3 tender their resignation to the students, graduates and well-wishers of the University, and with all expressions of good-will welcome the incoming board to the pleasant and most beneficial duties that await them, promising them every aid and assistance that it may be in their power to give, as the result of an only too short experience, in advancing the interests of the MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY, and indirectly through that organ, the best interests of the University of which they are proud to form a part.

THE ELECTION OF FELLOWS.

At or before 3 p.m. on the 4th of April, 1893, will be decided the important question as to who will represent the various faculties of the University on the Corporation Board.

In this connection, as is customary, the Graduates Society held a meeting on Friday evening, March 11th, and the following were elected as the Society's choice to act as representative fellows:—*Law*—Mr. Wm. McLennan; *Medicine*—Professor T. Wesley Mills; *Arts*—J. R. Dougall; *Applied Science*—Professor McLeod; *Comp. Medicine*—Professor Baker.

The qualification, by the way, is that the candidate should be of not less than three years standing in the respective faculties, and this choice of the Society would seem in every way most fitting.

The voting papers have been already issued by the Registrar of the University, and "all graduate members of Convocation qualified according to Chapter V of the Statutes" are invited to exercise their franchise. The opportunity thus given is of the greatest value, and should be taken advantage of by all those having the best interests of the University at heart.

The retiring representative fellows for 1893 are as