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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

A UNIVERSITY CLUB.

We invite the attention of our readers to a letter published in another column of the FORTNIGHTLY, touching a matter which, we believe, ought to arouse the interest and appeal to the sympathy of all McGill students, and not students only but all others interested in the welfare of this University. Our correspondent refers to the absence among McGill men of that spirit of unity and oneness which ought certainly to characterize us as members of a great University, and pleads for some practical organization affording a broad and common meeting-ground for all students, no matter with what department or Faculty they may be connected. And he signals the advent of our new Principal as a propitious time to revive this subject, and to take some initial steps towards the realization of the scheme.

In this matter of a University club the FORTNIGHTLY is in entire accord with "W. G." We believe there is urgent need of a Union Club, or some organization of like nature here in McGill. No one can fail to observe the defect in our University life to which our correspondent alludes. It has been remarked by outsiders, and by eminent strangers who

have visited us from time to time. The student who asks himself how often during the year the men of *All-McGill* meet together on common ground, and stops to reflect, will find to his surprise that it is on Sports Day only and (delightful by its novelty) Sports Night. The University dinner is too uncertain and precarious an institution as yet to be counted in. Even the University Lecture has lately been abandoned.

We meet then once a year on the campus to try the strength of our arms and legs, and perhaps once in five or six years we banquet together. But where is that constant intercourse, that regular and uninterrupted reunion of the men of all Faculties, by which we may really come to know each other intellectually, socially and morally, and if it goes to that, on the lighter side also, even in our dining, amusements and athletics. It does not exist, because we are not organized to that end, and have no common meeting place. Here our University life is obviously incomplete. Nor can we fully realize the extent of the loss suffered through the absence of a University club of some sort. Leaving aside sentimental considerations, and taking into cognizance only a few matters of practical interest, which cannot but appeal to the student, we can readily conceive that a Union club would *pay* from the students' point of view. It would be an advantage to the student in his work, for instance, to be able to get his meals in close proximity to the University—good meals, well cooked, and at a moderate figure; it would be an advantage to have common facilities for all Faculty dinners; to have ample and central accommodation for meetings of all Faculty societies, clubs and associations, or as members of one University-embracing society to meet together on common ground to discuss subjects of general interest; to have a University Hall suitable for lectures, entertainments, etc. Considering this last matter, we find ourselves at a great disadvantage in McGill. If we had a suitable hall, and were properly organized for the purpose, there is no reason why any eminent man who visits Montreal should be allowed to depart without addressing the McGill students and the University club might bring on such well-known men as it deemed fit, from time to time, to address the students. This is the plan adopted by the students of most American Universities, and, needless