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Editorial.

THE "Song Book," after many tedious delays, for which, however, the committee were not at all responsible, at length made its appearance last spring. It has been in the hands of the students for some time, and we now feel justified in passing an opinion upon it. That it leaves something to be desired, no one will question. That, however, it is superior to the old one, no one will deny. After a comparison with other books of the same nature, we can safely say that, on the whole, McGill has every reason to feel satisfied with her song book. We must, however, take exception to certain details of the work. Many of the old favorites have been left out and new songs introduced, whose only merit seems to be their novelty. Again, we are afraid that some of the songs have been arranged without due regard to the compass of the average student's voice. They are too high.

On the other hand, it is a pleasure to notice that many of the old songs have been arranged in brighter keys, and the accompaniments somewhat amplified. Some of the songs have also been arranged with bango and guitar accompaniments, thus providing for many a pleasant excursion. The new songs and glees are, as a rule, of

more than average musical merit, and we are glad to observe the presence of quite a number, of which both words and music have been written by members of the University. On the whole, the students are pleased with the book, and we beg leave, on their behalf, to thank the committee for their long and arduous labors in compiling a work of this nature.

WE were glad to see that, in spite of the dull day, our boys, with their old-time enthusiasm, made "sports' day" and "theatre night" the success they have always been. Is it not a pity that we should have to go outside our own grounds to hold our college sports. We look forward with impatience to the day when McGill shall be so equipped athletically that no one will say "we must go elsewhere in order to give the men a chance to do their best."

Nothing can be done in any direction without system: and this fact ought to be recognized in athletics in McGill. Until better facilities are offered for more systematic training, McGill can never hope to attain that position in the athletic world to which her size and importance entitles her.