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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

As in the first number of the FORTNIGHTLY for the session of 1892-3, it was the privilege of the editorial board to place before their readers in as succinct a manner as possible the aims and ambitions of our journal, so with this the last issue in what has been on the whole a most successful year, the editors take the opportunity of briefly reviewing the journalistic work of the session, and of offering a few remarks which may possibly prove of service in the future conduction of the paper.

The advent of the FORTNIGHTLY was certainly made under the most auspicious circumstances, and any success to which it may have attained must in a large measure be attributed to causes outside of any enthusiasm which the editorial staff may have manifested for the work entrusted to their charge.

The labor involved in the organization and carrying out of such an enterprise is not to be lightly estimated, and the hearty thanks of the editors is given to the various members (and especially to the enthusiastic Chairman) of the Business Board, who have undoubtedly contributed in more ways than one to the success of this literary undertaking.

Thus, under the advantages of a carefully considered constitution and solid financial arrangements, the editors have had placed under their management a paper secure in its foundation, and capable of a great development if the requisite amount of energy and thoughtfulness were employed in its conduction. Add to this the fact that the University, having remained for some two sessions back without the inestimable advantage of a college organ, had finally come to recognize the importance of continuing such an institution, and were also to a certain extent filled with a most commendable zeal to aid in making it the success which any such paper under the auspices of a University boasting nigh on a thousand students would have reason to expect and demand. This fact alone has undoubtedly contributed to a most marked degree in enabling the editors to cope with the many difficulties in their way, and to bring the problem to something approaching a satisfactory solution.

Another thing must also be taken into consideration. For the last two years or more McGill has been going ahead with such rapid strides (which only those who have been intimately acquainted with her work, both under the old regime and the new, can thoroughly appreciate), that greater opportunity is now given to the organizers of any effort than was given to our predecessors. A new energy has manifested itself throughout the whole body corporate of the University. It has outgrown the old trappings, and the large increase in the numbers of students attending the various courses has so built up and vivified the various faculties, that old time graduates look on, pleased and gratified at the progress which each and all of these departments have been making in their various branches.

Coming now to speak more intimately of the purposes of the Journal, the editors have attempted to realize, in so far as they were able, the expressed ambitions of