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Editorial.

AS an issue of the FORTNIGHTLY on December 23rd would fall in the holidays, we take this, our last, opportunity of wishing our undergraduate subscribers success in their examinations, and of extending our Christmas greeting to all our friends from Rossland to New York. In the next half-year we hope to hear accounts of the annual meetings of all the Graduates' Societies; may they be as successful as was the annual dinner of the parent body. We also note with pleasure that the committee of management of the Students Club is making progress in adopting suggestions offered at a recent meeting of those interested in the club's prosperity. Before the FORTNIGHTLY appears a competent *chef de cuisine* will be at his post in the catering department, and the much abused ticket system will probably be made sufficiently elastic to meet every reasonable demand. This new order of things will merit a fair trial at the hands of former patrons of the Club, even before the holidays, and after the *tabula rasa* of the vacation no student now boarding in the city can have a fair excuse that he was pledged previously, or that the existence of the Club was insufficiently advertised. One word more: what undergraduate would willingly reflect at the end of the session, next April, that he had voluntarily helped to defeat what we greatly suspect to be an important feature in the Principal's University policy, that of

obtaining for the college a residence and club truly worthy of Old McGill? The present establishment is, we understand, only a means to an end; but for the present it is the *only* means, and is of itself no mean end.

THAT there is nothing new under the sun, can hardly be accounted as a rigidly correct enunciation, and at least within the precincts of our Medical School there are innovations, one of which, at least, deserves more than a passing notice. We refer to weekly publication by the gentlemen of the Third Year of the lectures in the very important branch of Pathology. The first issue bearing on "fevers" has just been circulated, and the demand exceeds anticipation. As to the precedent, whilst not wishing to dogmatize nor draw conclusions for all cases, we must say that the idea appeals very strongly to us under certain restrictions, the first being the approval of the lecturer himself. Some professors may object to see themselves in print, especially the more conservative amongst them. It would be far from us to advocate anything but loyal respect for their feeling, though we feel the question of note-taking will ultimately be superseded by the newer method of weekly publication of these lectures. We offer our congratulations to Dr. Adami, and his class of '99.