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Editorial.

AT a meeting of the Athletic Association held a short time ago, only seven members presented an appearance—twenty-five being necessary to form a quorum. Such an attendance at this, the most student of all student bodies, is nothing short of disgraceful, and we are inevitably led to ask ourselves what can be the cause which has produced this general apathy among the students. Money is the root of all evil—either by its presence or by its absence. In this case it is the lack of funds which is handicapping McGill. The students pay two dollars a year for grounds and athletics, but instead of the major part of this going to athletics, more than half goes to the permanent improvement of the grounds.

In competition there is life, and without it there is danger of stagnation. This year the Football Club was unable to play a single match outside of the league, not even our annual game with "Varsity." Not only was this so, but the Football Club ended the season with a deficit and was obliged to ask the students to help them out of it. This be it said, on the part of the students, was most readily done. Such a state of things, however, should never have existed, and we think it short-sighted policy on the part of any university to consider the phy-

sical well-being of its students as a matter of minor importance. The athletic feeling ought to be fostered and developed to the highest degree consistent with its position in regard to the college curriculum.

The ancient Greeks thought the physical training of their youth no less important than the mental training, and we may be sure that they who had such unerring discrimination in everything else, did not err in this.

Our gymnasium is useless. The men take no pride or pleasure in it, and indeed few of them attend it. What is perhaps the worst sign of all is that those who did attend it in their freshman year, generally drop it long before they have finished their college course. The students have done what they could to show their feeling in the matter, and indeed we understand that a considerable sum of money has been subscribed both in Arts and in Science towards the establishment of a gymnasium fund. This, however, is only a nucleus and serves merely as a strong expression of opinion on the part of the students. It is to be sincerely hoped that some one will be found able and willing to take up this scheme so dear to every student's heart.