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In making our re-appearance, which though late, will, it is hoped, be welcome, we do so with very fair expectations, combined with unlimited good intentions. We are well aware with what material a certain place is said to be paved, but, to the logical mind, "good intentions" at once divide themselves into two classes, viz., those, which by being faithfully carried out, become successful achievements, and those, which not having served their purpose here, become substitutes for pavement in that warmer clime where asphalt and the like are obviously out of the question. To the former of these classes we naturally desire ours should belong, and, knowing that success is to be reached only by hard work and perseverance, we are fully prepared to purchase it at that price. The previous history of THE GAZETTE is so varied, and probably so well known to most of our readers, that we shall simply refer to it here: the first volume, though promising well, unfortunately died in its infancy; the effort made to revive it last year was anything but a success, owing to the proverbial lack of enthusiasm and support on the part of the students. We are this year endeavouring, by selecting editors from the different faculties, and thus arousing a more general interest, to establish THE GAZETTE as a College institution. The success of this part of our project depends wholly upon the students themselves. Not only do we look to them for pecuniary support, but also for contributions of good and suitable literary matter; and we hope, by publishing nothing but really good matter, to give intending contributors some idea of what is wanted, both as regards a proper choice of subjects, and the most suitable style of writing; and to the younger students we would say, "Do not be discouraged if your first attempts, instead of making the illustrious appearance expected of them, should be met with the cold 'respectfully declined,' accompanied, perhaps, with a few remarks about grammar, style, &c. With regard to the purposes of a College paper, we may here make a few remarks. In the first place, it is one of the things by which a college is judged; a good paper shows that there is some talent in the college, and that there is also a spirit of loyalty to *Alma Mater*, which will devote precious

time, and still more precious money to such a risky and formidable undertaking. A paper also serves to bind the students together, to promote among them the aforesaid spirit of loyalty, and by its circulation over the country (very small 'tis true) to promote a general interest in the college; our columns, too, being open for the discussion of college matters, afford scope for the ventilation of all grievances, reforms, &c. We wish, above all, to have it known and felt that the unanimous support of the students is the *sine quâ non* of our success, and that it will be liberally bestowed we are too sanguine to doubt.

The term "walking the hospital," has long been applied to the clinical portion of our medical studies; but to judge from the way in which many of our fellow-students walk through the wards of our hospital, they seem to take it in its most literal sense. It must be annoying to the visiting physician, (and in fact, shows disrespect to him, and bad taste in themselves), to have students leaving a ward before the visit is completed, and to such we would say—"Try and find some fitter opportunity for leaving than when the physician or any one else is making an examination of a patient, in which the sense of hearing requires to be particularly concentrated." One little word (which, we hope, will be taken good-naturedly) to those unfortunates who use tobacco as an article of diet, that is, if they expect to rate as gentlemen, they should not expectorate on the floor. We are certain that not one of these "gentlemen" who use the weed in our wards would do so if called to see a private patient; and as speech is the index of the mind, why may not the manners of the present medical student indicate those of the coming "Dr."

DURING our summer vacation the Governors have built an addition to the main building, thereby providing a large well-fitted reading-room, far more convenient than the old one in the Molson wing. Such an acquisition was formerly much needed, not only for the usual purposes, but as a place where meetings could be held at all hours, without disturbing either professors or their classes. Students, like other people, feel much more comfortable in a place they can call their own than in a deserted class-room, with professional strictures ringing in their ears, and perhaps, only a partition wall to keep their laughter and applause from diverting the attention of another class. So much for its superiority as an assembly room. In its strict character, it is immeasurably above the small, cold chamber to which, in winter, many a student ran shivering through the snow, or if allowed to pass by the Museum, found himself tumbling down the steps into Professor Markgraf's domains. Worst of all, when he picked himself up, he was sure to receive a sad, indignant