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A suggestion has reached the GAZETTE, which we think unusually worthy of notice. Several Arts men proposed the formation next year, of a combined Dramatic and Glee Club or of two separate clubs, the second for assisting the first. By this means a series of entertainments could be kept up throughout the session and the following benefits derived: in the first place the recreation would be both pleasing and suitable, affording not only a break in our studies, but a break which would satisfy taste and lend some personal interest. Secondly, the sale of tickets, which would, of course, be large, might improve the financial state of foot-ball teams, and other affairs which lack the sinews of war. Thirdly, the subscription, if many were to join, could be made quite small, without preventing the club from getting things up in first-class style. We therefore publish this suggestion in spirit, befitting its important character, and impress the consideration of its fitness on all who read this page.

Now that the college year is rapidly drawing to a close, and in view of the fact that we are soon to part with the graduating classes in Arts and Science, it may not be inopportune to say a word with reference to the farewell which should be given them. It has been the custom for years to invite them to a complimentary dinner, and as all the students who have previously taken part in these farewell banquets can testify, they constitute one of the most pleasing features of college life which can afterwards be recalled. And accordingly, it is now the agreeable privilege and duty of the undergraduates in Arts and Science to rise *en masse*, and extend to them that good-will and hospitality which they have always been so ready and willing to bestow, both on their predecessors and on us their successors. Now, as the best way in which we may manifest our goodwill towards, and esteem for them, is by coming forward and entertaining them,

we would beg to impress upon the students' minds the expediency of handing in their names and subscriptions to the committee of management, at an early date.

SUBSCRIBERS will please notice that the present number is the last of this year's issue, and for that reason is double the usual size. In making their farewell bow, the editors, however averse to self-praise, feel some pride in pointing to the success, they might say they expected, which has attended their efforts during the session about to close. They started beneath a cloud; they met all sorts of stones and stumbling-blocks; the arrows of the wicked encompassed them about; contributors proved both false and lazy; subscribers were stiff-necked and rebellious, and the paper was fated to come out just twice as often as of yore. But with the exception of a grumble at first, and the windy ravings of two or three exchanges, their path has proved a smoothly gravelled way. And the best of it is, that none but themselves are to thank for all this. Not a single Freshman, not a single Soph., not a Junior, Senior or Graduate, near or far, thought it worth his trouble to give them a line. Correspondence there was, but scanty; essays there were, but by request; jokes a few, but not in black and white; everything was barren except the editorial brain. And now having done their work some justice, the Editors address themselves to their clients in sober speech, tendering their hearty thanks to each who has paid his dollar or held his tongue, and tendering at the same time their wish that good luck may attend his approaching exam., and health and joy the vacation soon to follow.

THE time of the year that we are at college is, with the exception of a couple of months, of a character, to say the least, unpropitious for almost all kinds of athletic sports, and after the close of the foot-ball season, which seldom lasts far into November, the muscular undergraduates at McGill are apt to be at a loss to discover something to do in the way of exercise. Of course there are the Gymnasiums and the Hockey Club, but neither of these have entirely satisfied the demand made upon them. Gymnasium is only three times a week, and it requires a knowledge of the noble science of skating in order to fully appreciate the pleasures of hockey. When, therefore, somebody proposed to start a snow-shoe club, the plan was greeted with great enthusiasm, and heartily supported. One of the pleasantest features of the club has been its University character. There have been representa-