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## Editorial.

THE FORTNIGHTLY has reached the end of its six years' course. Thus for a generation and a half have we been endeavoring to chronicle the college functions and undergraduate gossip. As the first six years' candidates for honors before an undergraduate board that confers no degrees, we must take our medal for granted, do our own capping and write our short valedictory. Our earlier years can remember Sir William Dawson, our Principal, can recall a weedy, uneven campus, and can picture again the waste spaces down beside the work-shops. But naturally the happenings of a past generation can have little interest for the busy present. Within the remembrance of '98 have a half dozen new members graced our Governor's board; Dr. Peterson has forsaken the dews and mists of Scotland to become our Principal, while more recently still has the majesty of Roman Law come to us in the person of Dean Walton, while upwards of \$860,000 have been added to the University endowment and equipment. Even now we can imagine the seven figure endowment that awaits our Sister Marys on their entrance into their own special abode, so picturesquely defended from profane intrusion by the royal sceptre of Her Gracious Majesty. The administrative offices have been

renovated, and what is perhaps of more value to the reading undergraduate, 9,000 volumes have been added to the University library.

Now the soul of an University is "all in the whole and all in every part." When the Doctors of Medicine, 1898, carry our fame abroad, they may well boast themselves the best equipped graduates that the Montreal profession has produced—they are the first to complete their course under the lengthened session. In the autumn of 1894 the new wing was opened, bringing its enlarged dissecting room, vastly improved pathological laboratory and department of clinical chemistry. The course in hygiene is one of the important subjects in the Third Year, and cannot fail to benefit every community to which the men of '98 may come. The post-graduate work provided last session is another distinct advance made by the Faculty, while the meeting of the B. M. A. is still fresh in the minds of this class. Among their "lecturers" the students may count Lord Lister and Sir Michael Foster. The only losses from the professoriate are those of Dr. Alloway and Dr. Kirkpatrick. Among the old McGill graduates on the permanent staff, Drs. Finley, Lafleur and Johnson have received their positions.

How can we bring within the limits of a