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A LIST OF EDITORS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEXT NUMBER.

MANY CHANGES have taken place since the last GAZETTE was issued; many faces are gone; many old things have been made new. Our grounds have been improved, as all will see, by the enlargement of the campus, or rather the removal of the well-known wide ditch, whose contained stream now finds exit underground, the consequence being that we enjoy a much larger area for out-door exercises. Formerly the Foot-Ball Club found its space somewhat restricted by the ditch referred to, but now there is plenty of room. The only drawback is about filling a steep-lechase ditch for the sports, the old one having been most convenient. In the main building we notice improvements up-stairs, which Science men must welcome. We might almost call it a renewal of their quarters. A large and unusually valuable addition from the estate of Frederic Griffin, Esq., Q. C., has reached the library, supplying among other things a complete set of books on Canadian History. Many of these are rare, most of them costly, and all are useful. The task of arrangement has been proceeding quietly during the summer, and most of them are now in place. Another reference to the campus may not be irrelevant. The grounds this year were not, as formerly, allowed open to city players during the vacation, but have been kept untrodden and constantly cropped, which has had the result of presenting a firmer sod and a better appearance than ever before. Freshmen have sprung up like Jason's army of dragon teeth. There is a specially large class in Arts, and what is better, the men seem stout and tall for a First Year, and display less than average cheek. The Literary Society has commenced its labours, attended by success. A report of its proceedings of late will be found in another column. But its sister, the Glee Club, lacking a conductor, has made no appearance at all. Some narrower organizations for the same purpose are, it is true, in existence, but nothing will take its place at concerts and the Festival. In writing of change, we cannot help mentioning the death of Messrs Goodhue, B.C.L., and Cline, M.D. These gentlemen, who were among the most genial of our graduates, have

both taken high places in the outside world; one of them in our midst, and the other far westward, so that their loss was felt not only by us but among the wide circles of which each was the centre. The GAZETTE itself has undergone considerable variation. Besides the appropriate heading, we are able to announce a doubled rate of issue, i.e., the paper is now a semi-monthly instead of a monthly, as it was last year, when facts were always growing stale before their announcement. There is now a larger and more efficient staff than ever before, the work being rationally sub-divided so as to give each of us his own share and no more. Under these circumstances, with the same low subscription, it is easy to predict a success. And here we may refer to a certain apathy, a sort of stagnation, which prevents students from taking interest in an affair of this kind, and helping it on by contribution. The editors, who would be thankful for such help, have usually to write the whole paper themselves, without a line from outsiders. Now this is a state of things which should not exist. McGill has brain enough, energy enough, goodwill enough, if she only had *vim*. We want her to wake up and send in her lists of grievances, her essays, her opinions on college affairs, her literary flights, her jokes and everything she can, to make this the paper, not of a dozen men, but of four hundred or more.

IT HAS ALWAYS been a matter of wonder why the Foot Ball Team take no more exercise in common. They tell us, after their Harvard visit, how their American friends walk five miles at a time, bathe, dine, practice and spend their vacation together, and they tell us all this with the most innocent lack of emulation. How do they ever expect to compete with such men unless they work like them? There is nothing to prevent exactly the same things from being done in Montreal that are done in Cambridge. Sherbrooke street is a good place for the walking, the baths might be taken at home, dinners ditto, and practice on the campus. We have as fine a gymnasium as the majority of colleges, and our men are surely not so tied as to keep them apart in summer. Even supposing that one or two were away, the team might reasonably expect to reap improvement from the improvement of most of its members. There are numbers of districts to which tours might be made; there are lots of villages with good advantages for such work as would be needed. The Eastern Townships alone would fulfil every requirement, but there is quite a choice, even around Montreal. Because we cannot have a Spring Season, we always let our club decline immediately after the short autumn is over, with-