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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

On looking over an old group photograph taken in our Freshman year, composed entirely of natives of one small town, we were struck by the fact that many, nearly all, had passed out of our life, and that we now knew little or nothing of all but two or three. The only bond of union that ever brought us together before the camera being that of a common birth-place.

It is the same bond that is tightening and drawing in the Old McGill graduates in Toronto, New York and Chicago, to band themselves together lest they forget their common intellectual birth-place.

It is a healthy and encouraging sign that the old boys begin to ask about, and take an interest in, their College; and although the opportunities of meeting them may be few and the intervals long, we cannot but feel the influence for good of these graduate societies, each a centre from which will spring loyalty and pride in their Alma Mater.

We have felt the need of some manifestation of this feeling for years to counteract the deadening apathy that is so apt to pervade the collegiate atmosphere everywhere in Canada, and this stirring among the dry bones will, we hope, result in an

"exceeding great army" of graduates, ready and eager to lend a hand in everything that will quicken and solidify the progress that has marked the history of the University in recent years.

Owing to the stress of Christmas examinations, our class reports are somewhat meagre for this issue. This, however, is not a cause of complaint, as we cannot expect our Class Reporters to sacrifice much of their valuable time on the very eve of the Christmas ordeal. By the time this issue of the FORTNIGHTLY appears, however, the examinations will be finished, many of the students will have departed for their holidays, and silence will reign in college corridors. It is to be hoped that students will carry away with them the lively satisfaction which flows from a consciousness of one half-session's work, at least, well and thoroughly done, indication of which will no doubt presently appear in the Christmas returns. This, with the anticipation of a pleasant holiday and rest, ought to make every student-traveller happy. Meanwhile, to all, students and readers, the FORTNIGHTLY wishes all the joys of the season—a truly Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

The next issue of the FORTNIGHTLY will be published towards the close of the holidays. Unavoidably there will be neither Society nor Class reports. Nevertheless the editors are glad to be able to announce that a full Number will be forthcoming, several contributions of unusual interest having been reserved.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

NOTES UPON NAMES.

Of course the reader will ask with Shakespeare, "What's in a name?" Well, Carlyle shall answer: He insists that "there is much,—nay, almost all in a name. The name," he continues, "is the earliest garment wrapt around the earth, to which it thence, "forth cleaves more tenaciously than the very skin." There are names which have lasted nigh thirty cen-