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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### GREETINGS.

With this issue the FORTNIGHTLY makes its second bow to the student-world of McGill. To those who are entering the classic halls of the University for the first time, it extends a hearty welcome. It is to be hoped that they will uphold the honour of their Alma Mater, both in the pursuit of knowledge and in active support of all the College institutions—among them the College Paper.

To our old friends, we would say that the zeal with which the paper has been carried on during the past session, and the eagerness which has welcomed its appearance, have been gratifying in the extreme, and augur well for increased prosperity in the future.

Still, we realize that many difficulties have yet to be conquered, which can only be overcome by a united and well directed effort on the part of the students at large.

It is not the duty of the Board of Editors merely to cater for the varied tastes of University men, and to

produce a bright, readable, newsy paper, but everyone must help if true success is to be attained. Note that this is not the "Editors' FORTNIGHTLY," nor is it the "Professors' FORTNIGHTLY," but it is the "McGill FORTNIGHTLY." Therefore, let everyone, from the greenest freshman to the "most potent, grave and reverend" senior, take a personal interest in the College Paper, for it is *his* paper. While not holding ourselves responsible for any views which may appear in these pages, we invite contributions, for there is abundance of talent, and good talent too, stowed away, if it only can be got at.

Our future, we are glad to think, is bright. The new management is all enthusiasm, and, with adequate support, hope to produce a sheet which will be second to none among College Papers.

It is no light matter to produce a journal which will suit the varied tastes of a body of students large enough of itself to form a fair-sized town, among whom are numbered some of the choicest spirits of our day.

We must run the gauntlet of criticism; but so long as it is fair and manly, we welcome it. It is so easy to criticize, so hard to perform. A story is related of the poet Virgil, that someone once accused him of having stolen most of his ideas from Homer. "Ah, but," replied the poet, "let anybody else try to steal from Homer, and see if he will do it as well." So if anyone wants to criticize the FORTNIGHTLY, the best way he can do it is to send in a contribution of his own.

In conclusion, we call upon all in any way connected with the University to support the journal, both pecuniarily and otherwise, and let us see if we cannot have a paper which will reflect the thoughts and opinions of the students and be a credit to Old McGill.

### THE PRINCIPALSHIP.

With the retirement of Sir William Dawson from the principalship, McGill has sustained a loss that will not easily be repaired. It might well be said of him in the words of the famous inscription to Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral:

*"Si monumentum requiris circumspice."*

When Sir William took hold of the reins of government thirty-eight years ago, the fortunes of McGill seemed to be at a very low ebb, and it is largely owing to the wise foresight and unconquerable zeal of the Principal that the University lived through the crisis and reached the magnificent proportions which it has at last attained.