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## INTRODUCTORY.

In presenting to the students, graduates and well-wishers of McGill, the first number of the FORTNIGHTLY, the editors feel that a careful statement of the events leading up to this re-establishment of a representative University Journal, and an explanation as to its basis, aims, and ambitions, will not be out of place, and at the same time will be well appreciated by those disposed to take an interest in its welfare.

It may be said by way of introduction to those not already aware of the fact, that the FORTNIGHTLY is not the first of the literary ventures undertaken by the students of McGill.

The *University Gazette*, discontinued for the past two years, acted as a forerunner and filled in a creditable manner, the function required of it, namely to mirror the intellectual and literary progress of the University, and also to act as a chronicle of College item and class report.

The paper was run by a company which was to have been composed of the undergraduates themselves, and shares were issued at a moderate price. Difficulties, however arose, interest flagged, complaints of various natures came in from the different faculties, and finally the Directors of the paper ceased its publication.

Such has been the past history of University journalism in McGill, and lack of interest and support both financially and otherwise has been the rock on which our first publication came to grief.

For two years therefore, the Students have remained without a College journal, and we may safely say that to an appreciable extent the different interests of the University have consequently suffered.

Our new Journal THE MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY has been established on a firmer basis than our predecessor. Committees have had the matter under consideration for some months past.

The various difficulties have been by them, we hope, successfully surmounted, and the promoters come before the Students with a paper properly constituted, a strong business directorate, and an editorial board who will at least endeavor to fulfil in a creditable manner the onerous and responsible task placed before them.

The management consists of two boards—one of a purely business character, and the other having sole charge of the Editorial Department.

Each faculty elects a business manager and an editor—one to represent them on the business board and the other on the editorial staff.

"Class-reporters" have been elected by the various years of the different faculties whose duty it shall be to canvas for, collect, and hand in to the faculty editors all matter intended for publication, and at the same time aid such editors in the matter of contribution. Such is the machinery provided for by the constitution of the paper, and it remains only with the Students themselves to make of the FORTNIGHTLY the success which its promoters hope for and which they have proper reason to expect.

Regarding the allotment of space, the editors recognize the necessity of providing reading matter of a varied character and description in order to meet the different wants and demands of the several elements represented in the University. It is however the intention of the Editorial Board to keep the literary standard and tone of the paper as high as possible, recognizing at the same time and giving full attention to reports of the various societies, faculty items, College news, exchanges and class reports.

The hearty co-operation, therefore, of each and every Student is asked for and expected. Suggestions and communications will at all times be most gladly taken into consideration by the Board of Management, who realize that the success of the paper will consist in the satisfaction which it gives to its subscribers.

We are sorry to have to briefly notice in these columns a difference of opinion which seems to have arisen between the Second Year Medicine, and the students of the other faculties of the University on the subject of what has been known as "University Night." An examination into the causes of this peculiar "split" is not necessary, as the whole question has