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Editorials.

During two years the GAZETTE has been existing upon the will of the undergraduates. For with them it rested, each session, whether the paper should be continued or abandoned. This year the conditions are changed. A joint stock company has been formed which, in return for the raising of a guarantee fund and assuming the business management, has been granted the privilege of naming some of the editors. Thus the permanency of the GAZETTE has been secured. It was hoped that, in addition, a greater interest than was formerly manifested, had been aroused in the welfare and conduct of the journal, but in this the promoters of the company have been disappointed. So much apathy on the part of the students has been encountered that, to continue the paper even as a fortnightly, the stock fund will have to be encroached upon. This is not fair to the company. The undergraduates, assembled in several meetings, discussed the question of a new management thoroughly, and not only approved of the scheme of a stock company, but also appointed their quota of editors. In common decency, then, they

are bound to support the paper. If they will do this, we in turn will do our endeavour to make the GAZETTE worth the money they subscribe for it. If sufficient means are placed at our disposal we will publish a weekly paper, which will give full and accurate reports of all meetings and events in which students, graduates, or professors may be interested. In any case, we will strive to make the GAZETTE a complete record of the University life. But most of the news which can be published in a fortnightly will have lost its freshness before the date of publication.

In our editorials we will continue much in the same way as in the past, boldly pointing out abuses and means of improvement, and exercising frankly our right of criticism. And though, in so doing, we will feel the loss of the pen, for two years so ably directed by the former editor-in-chief, yet the newly-elected members of the board will be able to infuse into our columns a vigour and freshness which will go far towards compensating the loss.

With regard to the literary part of the GAZETTE, there is this to be said, that the editors will welcome contributions of any kind, not serious essays merely, but also light sketches or short stories, always provided, however, that they come up to a sufficient standard of merit. We have no desire to raise that standard too near the unattainable, but we must be bound in this respect by the previous excellence of the GAZETTE. While, however, we must reject all unfinished or immature work, we would also have it understood that the pages of this paper are always open to correspondence on topics connected with this or other universities. We wish to encourage such correspondence by all the means in our power, for it is our belief that McGill suffers greatly from lack of a healthy public opinion. Certainly our graduates, who ought to be a source of great strength to the college, betray an astonishing apathy as regards all things which concern its welfare. We therefore invite all, who wish, to avail themselves of the fair field we offer for discussion and criticism.

And now our preliminary say is over. If our readers think we have protested too much, let them ascribe the fault to our eagerness to secure a paper for them which will really be worth the money they pay for it. Our ambition asks nothing beyond that.