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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

WITH THIS, the twelfth and final number of the third volume of the FORTNIGHTLY, the work of the present editorial staff comes to a close. We leave it to our readers to pronounce upon the success or the want of success that has attended our endeavors, only expressing the hope that their sentence will not be a very severe one.

The difficulties to be overcome in conducting a college journal are not small; and if to us they seem at least no less *after* than they did *before* our six months' experience, we may fairly say the same of the imperfections which we have striven (often in vain) to avoid. We are sure that none can be more alive to the faults of the FORTNIGHTLY than are the Editors themselves.

In this connection, however, we have a suggestion for those who follow us. The experience of this year has led us to think that we might have lightened our difficulties by (apparently) adding to them; and that what is really needed at McGill is two journals: one in a serious, the other in a lighter vein. Of these,

the first would partake of the character of a review, and would contain articles longer and more important than it is possible to print under present conditions. The second would depend for its contributions, solely upon the undergraduates. We confess it does seem a trifle chimerical to rely for support on an enthusiasm which, in the case of too many, seems to culminate in the yearly act of electing the editors, and declines thereafter with such rapidity, that, though equal to receiving the paper during the year, it is quite unequal to paying the subscription fee.

Still, we have great faith in the Undergraduates, and attribute much of their apparent apathy to lack of time and to hard work. And if they would but remember the college paper in the holidays, and, each one during his season of leisure, prepare something for insertion during the coming session, there would not be the slightest difficulty in carrying out the suggestion that we have made.

This suggestion the Undergraduates should carry out; and we venture to urge them to do so, not merely for the benefit of the incoming board of Editors, but for the credit of the FORTNIGHTLY and of the University. For it must be borne in mind that the college paper is looked upon not merely as the outcome of the literary proficiency, or the reverse, of its editors for the time being. It is generally accepted as the measure of the literary attainments of the Undergraduates of the University. Thus, whoever, by his writing, helps to elevate the standard of the paper, may have the satisfaction of feeling that in addition to the advantage (and it is a very real one) he himself derives in the process, he is beginning to return, in a small way, some part of the benefits which he is so freely receiving from his Alma Mater. We could say more on this point, but forbear.

We had hoped that, during the session, the privilege would have been ours of extending, on behalf of the students, our greetings to a new Principal. This duty, however, we leave to our successors. We *had* even ventured (months ago) to hope that we should have the opportunity of reviewing the new Song-Book. This pleasure, too is in store for our successors; not perhaps our immediate ones, but we should