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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The seventh number of the "University Gazette" will contain a prose article by Mr. George Murray.

### Editorials.

#### THE UNIVERSITY CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the University Club, held not long ago, the main feature was an unfavorable financial showing, which caused no little discouragement. A resolution was then adopted declaring the advisability of dissolving the club and reorganizing it on a different basis, but what the new method was the resolution did not suggest.

This should not be carried into effect; the club was not formed without much labor, and if the present scheme fail it will be useless to attempt another. The Furnishing Fund was contributed to liberally, and there is now nothing needed to make the rooms a pleasant resort. The club is a rallying ground for the graduates, and the need of such a meeting place was never more keenly felt than at present, when all the members of the University are awake and alive to their responsibilities in connection with it. It is a meeting place for the graduates and their former teachers, the benefactors and friends of the University. There, too, the students can meet with those who have gone before them, and learn the rich traditions of McGill's long foretime, and soften the relation existing between professor and undergraduate. To dissolve the club would be worse than a mistake; there is no need for the action, for the present state of affairs is due merely to temporary apathy and not to a lack of real interest in its welfare. The finances are in as good a condition as last year and the prospects are better. Though there is a large body of students and graduates to whom the club is a real home, new blood is needed to replace the part that is being drawn away by old members dropping out. Members who, even if they have no personal need for club, should support it for the sake of the University.

There is at present a good deal of unoccupied room, and, with a very small expense, fine additional apartments could be fitted up for renting. The St. James Club owns the building, and it should be approached with a view to having these alterations made. It would be profitable for the University Club to pay even ten per cent. on the outlay, for the income derived from rents would be equal to the membership fees of at least thirty members. If this outlay is refused, and additional funds do not arise through an increased membership, then the University Club should procure quarters where the finances would be merely a matter of arrangement, as would now be the case if the unoccupied room was available for meeting purposes. Meantime, every member should make an effort to deepen his own interest and widen the general interest in the institution. There are many graduates and undergraduates who would make excellent members, and they are only waiting to be asked to enter the University Club.