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SONG.

Life's Fair is full, and Cupid is crying
His wares aloud, while about him flying
His young Loves crowd, with each other vieing
In brilliancy and grace.

His face is like sunlight on waters playing,
He laughs like a maiden out a-maying;
Just listen to what the rascal's saying

As he looks into that young girl's face.

"Will it live? I cannot tell fair maid.
Will it be what you hope to find?
I cannot tell. But be not dismayed,
No one can keep Love with a heart afraid,
You must always choose Love blind."

"Here's True Love that knows not the meaning of dying,
Here's Love for those maidens who ever are sighing,
Here's Love that is light, with a fashion of lying.
Here are Loves for the old and the young.

Here's one that is bold, and therefore a rover,
Here's one for June days, made of sunshine and clover,
He'll gladden your heart till the sunshine is over,
And then die like a song sweetly sung.

"Will it live? I cannot tell fair maid.
Will it be what you hope to find?
I cannot tell. But be not dismayed,
None can keep Love with a heart afraid,
You must always choose Love blind."

PHILIP HAY.

Editorials.

In this, the first number of our seventh volume, it will not be inappropriate for us to take a brief retrospective view and at the same time to say a few words concerning our present prospects. In the first place, we may mention that, from a financial point of view, the *McGill University Gazette* was a decided success during the past year. How far the same may be said of it in other respects it would not be becoming for us to discuss. Those who had charge of the paper during last session could not very well blame or praise themselves, and it is certainly not for us who succeeded them to criticise their work. It requires a little tact and administrative power to resuscitate a journal of any kind, but especially in the case of a University paper are there many obstacles to overcome which requires moderation and patient ability. We know as a fact that the *Gazette* exercised during last year a very beneficial influence in more than one direction, and that its appearance was at all events not altogether without interest for many of its readers. In com-

mencing a new volume we wish to convey our hearty thanks to those who helped the paper during the past year by subscribing and to those also who contributed to its columns. We ask that all those who have assisted in the past will continue their support in the forthcoming year. We must also thank those of our contemporaries, both in the city and throughout the country, who so kindly encouraged our predecessors in their literary efforts.

One thing indeed we have to regret, and that is the comparatively small amount of interest shown by the Graduates of our University in the welfare of the *Gazette*. Some, it is true, have helped well; but as a body they have been perfectly indifferent, very few even subscribing for the paper. To remedy this, if possible, we have this year invited them to elect one of their number to occupy the position of Consulting Editor to the committee. Last year Prof. Moyses very kindly and with great ability performed the duties of the office, and we are glad to see that the students showed their appreciation of his kindness by unanimously passing him a vote of thanks. By having a Graduate connected with the paper we hope to increase outside interest in University matters, and we also hope to prevail upon the University as a whole—Professors, Graduates and Undergraduates—to make use of the *Gazette* as a medium through which they may make known their opinions upon matters of public interest. If students have grievances we desire them to use the *Gazette* to make them known, and if their complaints be reasonable we shall give them our support so that such grievances may be removed. But this should certainly not be looked upon as the highest purpose for which a college paper exists. A college paper ought rather to be looked upon as affording a very excellent opportunity to students for improving themselves in one of the most important branches of a university education—it ought to be looked upon as a great encourager of original thought and as a means of developing the power of expression. In addition to this, such papers as our own tend largely to promote mutual good feeling and a fellow-understanding among the students of the different Universities all over the country. We shall try to keep our readers posted in the general news of the college world, and at the same time to supply a kind of record of our own college life and to let others know of our doings.

Again, most of us must be aware that at the present time, questions of the greatest interest and importance are coming up for discussion among those who govern the affairs of the University and those who help to govern. We should like, if possible, to have these questions of passing interest discussed in our columns. We ourselves intend from time to time to speak of the actions of those upon whose judgment and conduct the advancement of the University largely depends. We shall support all true reforms, and unflinchingly express our opinions, but at the same time we shall strive to maintain the gentlemanly tone which was so characteristic of the *Gazette* in the past year.

Recognizing that if we are to live at all we must advance, and relying upon the support which last year's experience leads