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EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

JOURNALISM AT MCGILL.

Our present issue is a holiday number. It was thought best, all things considered, to publish the FORTNIGHTLY without any intermission, in order that the full complement of twelve issues may be made up. There is, of course, at this time, a wealth of poverty of College news, if we may so express ourselves.

Class reports, as a consequence, are conspicuous by their absence. This will readily be excused under the circumstances. This issue is brought out under considerable difficulties, as nearly everybody is out of town, and it is a little more solid than our previous productions. It therefore lacks some of the froth and effervescence of ordinary college literature. The FORTNIGHTLY aims at reflecting the thought and effort of the undergraduates of our University, ebbing and flowing, so to speak, with the tide of current opinion.

As such it deserves the first place in the hearts of the Students. Its success so far demonstrates that it meets, to some extent at least, this want. As a matter of fact, however, it is found that comparatively few of the graduates in proportion to their numbers support it. The reason for this is perhaps, not that they have lost

interest in McGill affairs, but that they desire some "stronger meat" on which their more matured psychic natures can feast. This leads us to suggest the possibility of meeting this demand by another effort in the literary world. We notice that in Queen's University, Kingston, the professors and graduates have started a second paper which is called a *Quarterly Review*. It takes up and discusses current events of importance, and, besides, has heavier literary contributions of a high order. It is not intended to supplant its elder brother, the students' paper, but to supplement it and fill a void that it does not reach. Surely in McGill we are big enough and brave enough to do something similar. Such a paper of the nature of a *Review* or a *Monthly* would fill a long felt want. While the FORTNIGHTLY represents the undergraduates, the *Monthly* might represent the professors and graduates. We certainly have enough talent among the members of the University to succeed in this, if we can enthruse them with the "divine afflatus" necessary to its materialization. This should afford food for thought to our graduates, especially the younger ones, who may reasonably be expected to be more enthusiastic and progressive than those of a former generation. Such a paper would not rival the FORTNIGHTLY in the slightest degree, but both would act and react upon each other to their mutual advantage. It might afford a field of usefulness to some budding writer, whose talent cannot "condescend to men of low degree," but whose wing takes a loftier flight. No doubt some really good and solid literary and scientific articles would be contributed, which would redound to the credit of McGill as a centre of thought and learning. Our graduates would be brought more in touch with the rest of the University, a consummation highly to be desired. There is certainly great need of a bond of union between the University and its sons, and we may add daughters too, apart from the purely sentimental one. So many excellent journals of this type are at present coming before our notice, that we feel in the highest degree confident in the feasibility of this scheme if interest enough can be roused in it. Many Universities can support more than two Journals among them, even dailies. Surely McGill could adequately support two. There seems at present to be a wave of progress in the University, shewing itself in various directions, and very probably this scheme, of which we have thought much, and which we have felt deeply, will commend itself to many.