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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

### OUR DUTY.

Our College Session is now in full swing and everything in working order. We as undergraduates of a well-ordered University have elected our officers to their positions of honour, thereby declaring our trust in them and our confidence in their ability to fulfil the duties of those offices with credit to the various bodies who have elected them; at the same time, we feel they will do credit to our Alma Mater. They have been chosen with thoughtful judgment as being the best fitted to accomplish that which is required of them in their respective departments.

So far we have done well and wish them every success; but, just as the greatest general that ever lived could never have won a battle without the help of every private in the ranks, so we cannot expect our chosen leaders, good men and all as they are, to make their undertakings successful if every man amongst us does not contribute his share of work. We can all have a *hatchet*, though we are not all George Washingtons. For every one that has ten talents how many there are with only one! Don't underestimate the assistance you can give because it is small; as Shakspeare has it: "Heavens make our presence and our practices pleas-

ant and helpful to him." You are not expected to do more than what is reasonable, but you *are* expected to keep up your end of the log. McGill is part and parcel of Great Britain, so that it is perfectly natural for her to expect every man to do his duty. So "all hands to the pumps," boys, and let us make this year one of the best our University has ever seen, not because we have a few bright and shining lights, but because every undergraduate of our University is imbued with a spirit of cheerful helpfulness that will share the labour and lighten the burden of those who have the heavy end of the log to carry.

### L'UNION FAIT LA FORCE.

The question of University feeling in McGill, as opposed to a faculty or class feeling, is one which is yearly growing in favour with McGill students. It has, however, more than once been hinted that such a sentiment is dreamy and impracticable, and that those who advocate the importance of it are indulging in what might be termed college cant. The following extract taken from the *Red and Blue*, the paper of the University of Pennsylvania, goes far to prove that there is something in reality in this feeling, and that its importance is recognized in other colleges besides our own:—

"We extend a hearty greeting to the freshmen, and urge upon them their responsibility as Pennsylvania men to further her interests in all ways as far as within them lies. Let them act together, keep class rivalry subservient to Varsity spirit, and support University institutions. The outcome of this will be an ever increasing college spirit, which will augur well for success in all ways."

We can only add our hearty assent to the thought conveyed in this paragraph, and assure our readers that even at the expense of a little ridicule the FORTNIGHTLY aims at extending among McGill students a living, real, and practicable "University feeling."

### GOOD TASTE.

Although the duties and responsibilities of the Editorial staff of this paper have never been clearly defined, yet the fact that to them is entrusted the issuing of a paper, which is designed to give expression to the feelings of McGill students, as well as to record matters of general college interest, entails upon them certain duties and responsibilities.

One of these duties is to suggest anything which may