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### EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

It is but two years since the MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY was a venture made by a few of the bolder spirits among the Students, who, instigated by seeing the necessity of a College paper, were not disheartened by the failures of their predecessors.

The venture, during this time, has outstripped the hopes of the most sanguine, exceeding even the anticipations of its promoters, and reflecting great credit upon their energy. It is fair to presume that the FORTNIGHTLY has come amongst us to stay.

This success of the FORTNIGHTLY is due, for the most part, to the zeal with which the Students, as a body, have come forward in its support, and it is earnestly hoped that this support will be continued in order to overcome the many difficulties still blocking the path of our College paper.

One of the chief difficulties is the inability of the Students to understand that the FORTNIGHTLY is the *University* FORTNIGHTLY, that its pages are a place for recording college events, and that it depends quite as much upon them for literary contributions as for financial support.

It is nonsense to presume that, in a University the size of McGill, literary talent is entirely wanting among its students. The lack of contributions from students in the past simply shows disinclination, not inability. It is equally nonsensical to presume that a board of management can produce a journal that will suit the varied tastes of so many without their help—for all to be pleased all must help please.

To those students who, for the first time, are coming to McGill, the FORTNIGHTLY begs to extend a hearty welcome and a no less hearty invitation to join the ranks of its supporters.

Successful as it has been in its past career, let us hope that the *furor scribendi* breaking out in the ranks of the Students will be noticeable in the pages of the FORTNIGHTLY, and, in becoming still more a College paper, it will have its success increased in like proportion.

All friends of McGill are to be congratulated upon two appointments that have recently been made in the University. We refer to the appointment to the Board of Governors of the Honorable Mr. Justice Archibald and of Mr. C. J. Fleet. It is simple justice to say that these gentlemen richly deserve the honour that has been conferred upon them. Both are graduates of McGill, who distinguished themselves at the time of taking their degrees, and have since continued to win honours not merely for themselves, but for their *Alma Mater*. Mr. Justice Archibald's elevation to the Bench, which occurred very shortly before he was made a Governor of this University, shows the esteem that he has gained by his upright life and well-directed ability.

Mr. Fleet has made for himself a prominent position among the lawyers of Montreal; and his appointment is eminently appropriate in view of his keen interest in all University matters and the activity he has long displayed in regard to them. In his new position Mr. Fleet will have larger opportunities than ever of serving his college and those who are connected with it, and none who know him, or know of him, will doubt that he will improve his opportunities.

It is a pleasure to state that the plan for the re-organization of the Athletic Association of McGill, sub-