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FAREWELLS.

It is with sincere regret that the Editors sever the pleasant relations that have existed between themselves and their readers. For the past six months, characters of different kinds have been flitting hither and thither upon our little stage, with, we trust, interest and profit to the audience. Now the curtain falls, and our task is ended. It is no easy matter to conduct a college paper as it should be conducted. This we very quickly discovered. Of course there are many and diverse opinions on this question. This is but natural and proper, for interests frequently lie in different directions, and individuality within certain limits has an important place in the human economy. Any educational institution, be it University or otherwise, which turns out men just as a machine turns out tacks,—one just like another,—is on the wrong tack: no joke intended. In McGill, however, this individuality has ample scope, and we must expect to find different ideas on all subjects of College interest. In the case of the FORTNIGHTLY we have heard very few adverse criticisms, although we hardly know whether to

rejoice at this or not. In our pages an endeavour has been made to meet this diverse taste in our readers. "The greatest good to the greatest number" has been our motto. We ask our readers, therefore, not to judge our work by one particular issue, but to consider all, and draw conclusions from them. Only in this way can a fair estimate be made. These pages have been the concentrated product of the "think-works" of the staff. We are not quite infallible, however, much as we regret it, and are quite ready to admit that a few mistakes have been made. If so, we crave the indulgence of our readers. It has been a labour of love with us; and as it is the result of much thought and trouble we trust that we have obtained the approbation of our readers.

On looking back upon the history of the paper for the past session, certain considerations affecting its welfare present themselves. When it was proposed to revive the old *University Gazette*, the idea was taken up with great avidity by all the Students. The success of this re-creation in the first year was marked. Realizing that the second year of its career was a testing one, the Editors have bestirred themselves to bring it to the greatest pitch of perfection of which they were capable. Apart from the literary excellence of the paper, which it would be invidious to comment upon, if the number of subscriptions can be taken as a criterion, the paper is even more successful than before. It devolves, therefore, upon our successors to enhance this progress.

This year we have introduced engravings in our articles, and this, we venture to think, is an improvement. Students who have few spare moments in the lecture room in which they can indulge their taste for things literary generally like something that will catch the eye, and pictures do this better than anything else. In future issues this idea might be more developed with advantage. Much has been done this year to push the paper among outsiders. The result has been to make it pay; but apart from actually benefiting the paper this must of necessity bring the University into greater prominence, and so far is something to be aimed at. It is regrettable that we cannot count more graduates among our subscribers. It is perhaps hard to reach them, but it might be advisable next year to send a small printed card advertising the FORTNIGHTLY, to all those whose addresses can be obtained. With respect to our contributors, we venture to express the hope that in the future their number