

THE entertainment which was held on Friday evening has shown that we do not need to import foreign talent to make a respectable showing at any public meeting and that to secure funds we need not be under the necessity of guaranteeing one or two hundred dollars to a foreign company. The officers of the A.M.S. worked to make this entertainment a success and they succeeded. The ladies who assisted have the students' hearty thanks. Rev. Parker contributed greatly to the enjoyment and the Glee Club played a role which was simply immense. The mind reading was a feature of the programme. Miller the "gifted sophomore" did some things which, in the art, are considered very difficult. We give one viz., telling the value and *number* of a bank bill which a subject had. We refer to this particularly because if any of our readers can explain this psychological phenomenon such explanation would be received just now with interest. One day lately Miller performed an almost unique trick. One of the students drew and lettered a proposition from Euclid. Miller though blindfolded then carefully drew the figure on the board and lettered it with not a line amiss or a letter misplaced. The success of the entertainment had it come earlier would have meant a monthly series, and we hope notice will be taken for next year.

BEFORE the session closes we would like to ask: Are we to have a gymnasium next year, or not? For some time past our gymnasium has been shut up; and some of the students complain to us that already the want of regular exercise has impaired their health and their ability to study.

Now what brought about the present state of affairs, and is it possible to make a change, so that next session a well-equipped gymnasium may add one more to the numerous attractions of our College? The facts of the case are simply these:—Four

years ago the Senate placed the old Convocation Hall at the disposal of the students for a gymnasium. The Alma Mater Society at once provided apparatus and engaged an instructor. But at the end of the session it was found that the necessary expenses were becoming too heavy a drain on the resources of the Society. Consequently next session the gymnasium was handed over to a special committee, and supported by direct contributions from the students. Some students paid their fees regularly every year, others never paid anything. Each year the successive committee appointed grew more lax and negligent, until at last it might be said that the gymnasium was without regulation, and was left open all hours of the day and night, summer and winter. Those who paid no fees were allowed to use it equally with those who did contribute. More than that, this year two or three of the students, to their great disgrace, took part in the work of destruction, deliberately damaging the building and the apparatus. The Senate seeing that the gymnasium had become practically useless, and desiring to prevent further destruction of property, closed up the building. The students failed to make a proper use of the building placed at their disposal, and the Senate have now very properly withdrawn it. But what is to be done for the future? if students are to do good work at the College, if they are to be an honor to their Alma Mater in after years, the physical man must be preserved in health and vigor while at College. Football, snowshoeing, skating, and all College sports are good in their turn, but they can never take the place of the regular daily exercise of the gymnasium from the beginning to the end of the session. It is not too strong, to say that if Queen's is to do the best work, she is capable of, we must have a good gymnasium. But the question is, how? The past method, without doubt, is a com-