

both the Society and the Senate assume that every student of whatever faculty is *prima facie* a member of it, and that it speaks and acts for all.

This, while perhaps the least ponderable, is, nevertheless, the chief advantage of the Society and therefore any faculty or section of students that holds aloof from it is weakening our corporate life, and in the end militating against its own best interests.

Since, then, the A.M.S. necessarily claims to represent the lady students, it must face the problem of giving them a fuller share in its privileges and a more honored and honorable status as members.

Logically the solution would seem to lie in throwing open all our meetings to them (a privilege which is already nominally theirs), and in giving them a full share in the discussions and the legislative and executive functions of the Society. But, to be candid, we hope the day is far distant when such a solution shall be applied. So long as there is a sympathetic and intelligent appreciation of the needs and desires of the lady members of the Society, their interests will not suffer at the hands of their fellow-students, and they can leave us to select committees and pass accounts and debate points of order without their assistance. But, while this is so, a good deal can be done to make the advantages of the Society more tangible to them than at present. A portion, at least, of the funds that flow into the treasury through their interest in the annual elections ought to be expended in such a way as to confer a direct benefit upon them. For example, the Society rents a piano for the use of its members; but from the nature of the case it is not readily accessible to the lady members. Why not rent a second piano, which could be placed in a part of the building accessible to them, and thus release the sum they now have to pay for that purpose, so that it could be devoted to other objects? Again, there should be frequent meetings of the Society of a literary and musical nature, at which the ladies should be present and take part. From the opening of the second term till about the end of February there is not much business before the Society, and a series of meetings could easily be arranged in which all sections of the membership would contribute some part of the programme. If such precedents were established this session and continued next year the lady students would come to appreciate much more fully the benefits of membership in the A.M.S. In view of the fact that even under existing circumstances fifty-five of them voted last Saturday, it cannot be denied that that they have a just claim for consideration, and if steps are not taken to make more real to them the privileges and advantages of the Society, another year will pro-

bably see most of them holding aloof as a few did last week.

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The JOURNAL expresses its hearty appreciation of the kindness of the three years of '00, '99 and '01 respectively for extending to us an invitation to be present at the "At Homes" given by them. The last is at the time of writing, a joy yet in store for some fortunate member of the staff, and if the hospitality of '01 is at all like that of the senior and junior years he is sure of a good time. Such functions make a pleasant break in the monotonous existence of the weary editor, and to some extent reconcile him to the scarcity of wedding cake and other dainties that were bestowed so liberally on the editor of olden times. Perhaps these little gatherings are but the harbinger of better days, and when in the early years of the coming century their fruits are seen, there will be many a little packet to gladden the heart and derange the digestive organs of the then editor. Who knows?

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Students of the ancient classics will be pleased to know that, through the kindness of Mr. W. L. Grant, M.A., of Upper Canada College, the latest edition of Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities has been added to the Reference Library.

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We feel it to be our duty this week to say a word or two to the city papers. Not many weeks ago the *Times* took the trouble to deal with the students editorially on the matter of patronage, insinuating that the students were clamoring for full reports of all college meetings, &c., and at the same time were getting all their printing done at job offices. So far as we are aware there is no consuming desire on the part of the students to have college affairs written up in the daily press. It is the exception for some of the Kingston papers to report anything pertaining to the College with any degree of accuracy, and especially was this the case during the football-athletic controversy this fall. As we understand it a newspaper exists for the purpose of giving news, and it is for the editor or proprietor to determine whether any particular news item is of such general interest as to add to the value of his paper in the eyes of his subscribers. If it is of such a character, then it seems most childish for him to refrain from publishing it, because somebody has given a five dollar order to a job office. But the charge that the College does not give its patronage to the newspapers is not true. The JOURNAL, the Quarterly, and the Medical Quarterly, which is largely supported and controlled by the members of the Medical Faculty, are being printed by one or other of the newspaper offices, and both the University and