

society," etc. Whether the invitation to take in the meetings of Alma Mater during January and February is regarded as conferring a special favour on the ladies, or on the Society, is not made quite apparent; we are given to understand, however, that the rink is preferred, for their spare moments. Now, without seriously trespassing on the domain of Honour Philosophy, it may further be questioned whether equal rights and doing away with all distinctions are ever identical. To my mind the confusion of these two ideas is responsible for the dissatisfaction with existing conditions, among those who are anxious to break down all barriers, and I am inclined to think that in this case the latter course would effectually destroy those rights which ought to be most sacredly guarded by women. In seeking fair play they are undoubtedly right, but in identifying this with the Chinaman's "allege samee, boy, girl" policy, their own words condemn them. The writer acknowledges their present right to attend meetings, but "sentimentally" they are debarred. Whose sentiment is this? Surely not that of the men—no such lofty feelings are attributed to them in the letter referred to. Moreover, as a matter of fact, special invitations to attend have once and again been given to the girl students, who do not seem to bear in mind that such marks of respect have not been bestowed on any other class in the University. In so far as the question is one of sentiment, it is evident that it rests very largely with the ladies themselves, a consideration which renders them rather inconsistent claimants for the abolition of all distinctions. One thing is assured, *i.e.* if such a millennium were reached, certain prerogatives which now obtain would be forfeit. For instance, men in Alma Mater with their lower instinct of manliness, are, as a rule, prohibited from attributing to others, without reason, sinister motives, and such an unfair and unreasonable insinuation as that made to explain the so-called exclusion of girl students from the Society would hardly be in order.

I would venture to suggest that "One of the fifty-five" has hit on the wrong explanation for the absence of the girls of the A.M.S. Sentiment may have a little to do with it. I hope it has. But in a much greater degree is it to be accounted for by a very natural lack of interest in the routine business transacted. The little boy went to Anglican service for two reasons—because he loved the Lord, and because he liked it. Girl students have before now attended not only open meetings where regular business is always gone through with first, and where they might get an inkling of those terrible "subjects discussed," but also ordinary business meetings of the Society; and I have never heard it hinted that their failure to continue in attendance was due to aught there said or done of which they could not approve.

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INNOCENTS ABROAD.

GLEE, MANDOLIN AND GUITAR CLUB TOUR.

ACCORDING to the custom established last year the Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Club went for a short trip previous to the Xmas vacation. In a car gratuitously supplied by the K. & P., we journeyed north as far as Renfrew, when the first concert was given. Upon arriving at this fair town we were welcomed by a strong delegation of Queen's men who had made every arrangement for our comfort. We enjoyed very much the hospitality of those who so loyally entertained us in their homes. Other towns visited were Arnprior and Almonte, and in these places also we were given a hearty reception by graduates and friends.

Judging from the comments of those qualified to give an opinion, including the representatives of the different papers in these towns, both clubs have improved since last year. The only adverse criticism we have heard, comes from a representative of the Renfrew *Mercury*, who evidently had a "sore." The club's instrumental music was greatly strengthened by the addition of Mr. Greenwood's playing of the cello, and the violin selections by Mons. Andrieux were greatly appreciated; he captivated his audience in all three places. The Almonte *Gazette* refers to it as the best violin playing ever heard in that place. Stewart Woods was a decided success as elocutionist.

The boys generally report an excellent time, even better than that enjoyed last year. At the conclusion of the concert in each of the three places the ladies favored the boys in gown with a supper and reception. At these assemblies the hours quickly passed away in games, dancing, and merry conversation, and even when it wore on to the small hours of the morning the boys were loth to break away.

The clubs think of visiting one or two more towns very shortly, and will, in all probability, wind up the season by giving a concert in Kingston.

SOME LOST CHORDS.

The boys vote Mr. Bleeker, the accompanist, "all right"; he became a general favorite with the boys.

McIntosh evidently mistook the club for a Literary or Philosophic Society as he was always immersed in Sartor Resartus or Comte, Mill and Spencer.

Dalton—"Renfrew and Arnprior are all right, but Almonte —." Has Bunty changed his mind since last year?

W. Lavell—"By the gods of war, Almonte is the whole tip. I will visit here again before vacation is over."