

## The College Girl

The first formal, or rather a delightfully informal reception given by the members of the Women's Literary Society, to the women of the incoming first year, was held on Saturday afternoon, October eighth, between the hours of four and six-thirty, in the Reading-Room and East Hall of the university building.

This custom of greeting the new girls at the earliest opportunity, is an especially happy one, because on that occasion, not only do the women of the first year meet their fellow-undergraduates of the other years—and also the wives of the professors—but the graduates in goodly numbers make it a special point to be present, and add a welcome to the new members of the family. The guests were received by the President, Miss L. K. White, the Vice-president, Miss Tennant, and the other members of the Executive. East Hall presented a strangely festive appearance, with numbers of small tables scattered here and there, where two or three friends might sit down together—while the members of the committee, with a corps of helpers, served tea. While still seated, each guest was asked to consult a programme, which had been given to her on arriving, and which proved to be a record of the musical selections and toasts which were to follow.

Miss White, President, and Miss Wegg, Secretary, took charge of the proceedings, as on an ordinary literary society evening, and upon coming forward to make her first announcement, the President was enthusiastically received. Miss Little, President of the Young Women's Christian Association, represented her fellow-workers, and gave a very neat speech, inviting all, and especially the new students, to their weekly meetings.

Miss Cleary and Miss Johnston each made a few bright remarks, dealing with her own special department, of Ladies' Glee Club, and Ladies' Lawn Tennis Club, respectively.

Miss Benson represented the press, and spoke especially of *Sesame*, of which she is Editor-in-chief this year. Lastly, Miss Amos, a scholarship girl in Moderns, represented the first year, in a short speech, which fully demonstrated her command of her own language, at least. Miss Amos, in thanking the members of the society for tendering them this reception, said that the only unkind act she had noticed since she came to the university, was the giving of a green ribbon as the designation of the first year.

The writer remembers, in her freshman year, that the designation was yellow, and upon asking why the powers that be had chosen that color, instead of green, was told by a student who had attained to the dignity of her third year, that the first year designation was yellow, and the second year was blue, so that the combination of the two would give the desired tone.

Of the musical programme too much praise cannot be given. Miss Kennedy was in splendid voice, and was very well received. Miss Mason, a sister of Miss M. E. Mason, our Glee Club pianiste, gave a brilliant piano solo. Miss Patterson's violin solo was much en-

joyed, and Miss Mae Dickinson sang in her usual delightful manner.

Among those present were: Mrs. Loudon, Miss Salter, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Moore, Miss Darling, of Schenectady, N.Y.; Miss Moore, Miss Beatty, Miss Street, Miss Balmer, Miss Jane Hillock and Miss Georgie Cowan.

The many friends of the Ladies' Glee Club, of University College, will be interested to know that work has already begun in that department, and that present indications point to a more successful season even than that of 1897.

Mr. Wm. F. Robinson, whose work with the club last year aroused so much favorable comment, has been retained as conductor for the ensuing term. Miss Cleary, the President, and the other members of the Executive, express themselves as much pleased with the new material from the incoming first year. There are several voices which promise to be of great service to the club. The fact that so many of the old members from the present second, third and fourth years, have signified their intention of again identifying themselves with the club, is also very satisfactory to the committee.

The membership is open to all women graduates, undergraduates, and occasional students of the University of Toronto.

At the next meeting of the Women's Literary Society, on Saturday evening, October twenty-second, a clever little farce, written by Serle Smith, and entitled, "My Lord in Livery," will be presented. The facts that the play is under the management of Miss Wolverton and Miss Darling, and that the bill of the play shows the names of some of last year's stars, will insure a crowded house. The girls of the first year will please consider themselves especially invited.

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### CONVOCATION.

The outside world cannot be said to have assumed its fairest aspect on Friday afternoon, when the University of Toronto Convocation was held in the gymnasium building, but yet a goodly crowd of students and friends of the university, including many ladies, were present at the appointed hour, 3 o'clock. The Freshmen had assembled in the Pavilion, in Queen's Park, and, after holding a choir practice, to get their yell "down fine," had marched over to the meeting, and now occupied seats in the front of the gallery. The other students were scattered about the gallery, and a considerable number occupied seats on the floor of the hall. Before "the mighty hosts were seen advancing," the air was filled with cries and yells of the various colleges and classes in arts; these afforded, perhaps, the best entertainment of the day, for what would these formal autumnal gatherings be if the student could not render his ditty, give his funny remarks, or create a stir and mirth for an appreciative audience? The singing was hardly so good as in former years, and only the Freshmen showed the results of practice; these latter can be congratulated on their proficiency in that respect, but they should have joined the rest of the students in giving cries that are the property of the whole class of book-worms. So time passed rapidly till the beadle entered, bearing the mace, and leading the notable procession of Canada's distinguished in public, as well as in academic life. Order was then re-