

be a commendable movement, and meet with general approval, if some arrangements could be made by which a few hours during the week could be set apart for the ladies to enjoy the use of the reading room. Many of them would doubtless be willing to pay a small fee for the use of the matter in the reading room if several hours during the week were reserved for their exclusive occupation. It would not be difficult to determine what hours could be given up to them without seriously curtailing the privileges of the gentlemen.

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It is a common remark that the receptions at Acadia are without a parallel in the realms of society to day. It has come to be an established fact that not more than one young gentleman and one young lady shall be engaged in conversation together, and if the number of gentlemen present exceeds the number of ladies, or vice versa, a group of the overplus section must be contented with cracking a few jokes round the stove. If there is any reason why the members of a certain class should be magnanimous and deny themselves that others might be entertained, they must be led away to the rear in order that the groups about the room may not by any chance exceed the number two. Two chairs are placed side by side in various parts of the hall, and two persons and no more are expected to converse together during the evening, on pain of overstepping the bounds of Acadia reception etiquette. Does it not seem possible that at our last reception for example, the young ladies, who were in the minority, might not have felt that they were invited there to be entertained, as well as the "new fellows," or was it true that they were only invited to entertain the "new fellows?" And is it not possible that they might have considered it a part of their rightful entertainment to meet some of those who were led aside out of magnanimous enthusiasm? Why could not the latter be introduced to the new friends and form a group of three if necessary, or why should the number be absolute at all? We presume that a young lady's powers of entertainment are not so limited that she cannot talk to several gentlemen at the same time. It would doubtless be much more pleasant if this arbitrary dual system were a thing of the past.

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We call attention to the advertisement of Prof. Faville, with regard to the School of Horticulture. Classes in this department will commence on the first of November. Admirable advantages are now offered to those taking the course in Horticulture. A set of improved microscopical instruments has been procured for the work in Entomology, as well as other laboratory apparatus. Work is now being carried rapidly forward