

were forty-five of them in all, taxing the capacity of even Mrs. Anglin's large drawing-room to the utmost; and although it may surprise you, Mr. Editor, when Miss Wright, the president, took the chair at 7:30 there was perfect silence. After a few words of welcome and warning to the new-comers, she gave a delightful account of the International Y. W. C. A. Convention held at Scranton, Pa., and which she attended as a delegate from Queen's. Then followed a choice programme of music and readings, a special feature of which was the singing of Miss Griffith and Miss Boddy, the latter accompanying herself on the guitar. At nine o'clock the seniors offered their arms to the freshies, and the juniors following their example politely escorted the sophomores out into the dining-room. We drop the curtain before the mysteries of that half hour. Suffice it to say that the assiduous manner in which the impromptu gentlemen attended to the wants of their fair companions, might have put to shame gentlemen of longer standing. After returning to the drawing-room a short time was spent in the most delightful intercourse. It was truly inspiring to see the happy faces of those forty-five earnest enthusiastic college girls—girls who are not trifling with life, but who realize to the fullest extent its sacredness and their own insufficiency in themselves. Would that some of those old pessimists who hold that "the former days were better than these" could have peeped in at the window at ten o'clock, when the girls joined hands and sang in such a soul-stirring chorus "Blest be the tie that binds." It was a scene long to be remembered by those who were privileged to be there. This reception, being the first of its kind, was, to a great extent, an experiment, but certainly a successful one, and one which we hope will be repeated through all successive ages as long as Queen's stands firm "on the old Ontario strand."

The remarks of the girls, as they quietly (?) meandered home, would have been appreciated by members of the opposite persuasion had they been within hearing. Would you like a sample of them, Mr. Editor? Here are one or two for your own private edification. "I say, girls, that was the best party I ever was at." "Didn't we have a good time, though?" "Yes, and to think that there wasn't one boy

there!" to which one who probably has a great-grandfather in the Emerald Isle, replied, "Yes, and I do wish some of them had been there to see how well we could get on without them!" But, Mr. Editor, I am trespassing on your patience. I will only say that I wonder if forty-five boys could have half as jolly a time as we forty-five girls did that evening. If you ever do, let us hear of it.

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SIR,—As a spectator of Queen's First Team matches this year, and as one who takes a great interest in their welfare, permit me to make a few criticisms.

In the first place, if Queen's is to have a show for the cup next year, we must have a gymnasium. The result of this year's play has shown that mere practice on the Campus, while essential, is not sufficient. All our men practised faithfully, and most of them put in a good deal of extra running; yet in both of the two last matches their wind gave out in the second half. So that I say, unless we either have a gymnasium of our own, or enter into some arrangement with the Y. M. C. A., there is very little use in organizing a foot-ball team.

Again, it was not the backs that were at fault, for their play was almost perfect, but the wings and scrimmage. The weakness of the wings lay mainly in their lack of wind, but the scrimmagers, it seems to me, must make a radical change in their mode of play, if they are to confront 'Varsity or Osgoode successfully. In the present Canadian Rugby game there are only two good styles of scrimmage play—to heel out, or to break through and dribble. I am not going to discuss the merits of these two styles, but one of them must be employed. Now, our men used neither. In the first fifteen minutes of the 'Varsity game the second was employed with success, but it was not continued. Our team next year must play one or both of these two games; if the present will not, then it must give place to a new one.

I also think that a change should be made in our mode of practice—that we should adopt in effect, though not in all its rigid severity, the American system. Let all who wish practice together for a week or ten days. Then