

and if, as the writer would have us believe, she has banished sentiment in favor of cold logic, she at least can suffer no harm in this way. We have met the woman's rights advocate before, and know that argument is useless as she can usually pierce one with her merciless logic, but we will take the trouble to state a few facts, based on sentiment, yet facts nevertheless. A woman's true womanliness may not be harmed by her taking an active part, before all classes of students, in the discussion of questions which come before the A. M. S., but certainly the average man's estimation of her true womanliness will be affected. What most right thinking men cannot understand is why any woman should persist in this levelling process when it means for her, in his eyes at least, a levelling down instead of a levelling up. We believe most heartily in the higher education of woman; we believe her to be one of the most potent influences in the world today, but we are sentimental and illogical enough to believe that the woman who demands to be considered a man in every respect except her mode of dress, is abdicating a higher for a lower position and is weakening her influence rather than extending it. As to honorary membership we have only to say that honorary members of the A. M. S. are given practically all the privileges of ordinary members, including the right to vote at the annual elections, without the payment of any fee. We cannot afford to admit "more than one quarter of the students in the leading faculty" on that basis either as a matter of logic or of sentiment.

With regard to the piano we would advise "One of the Fifty-five" to be as sure of her facts as was the editor in this particular case. The rent of the piano used by the ladies comes at present from a fund which is administered by the athletic committee of the A. M. S., and is not a gift from the senate. One of the last acts of the committee that retired last month was to vote \$25 for that purpose. Our correspondent has failed to grasp the point we tried to make. It is this:—The A. M. S. ought not to establish the precedent of voting money to any section of the students to be spent as that section may determine. Further it has no right to vote money towards a reading room or similar object for one section or faculty unless it is prepared to deal with other sections in the same way. It does rent a piano for the use of its members, and if one piano is not sufficient it has a perfect right to rent two. The society took that view on Saturday night, and we would advise the ladies to use the one rented by the society and apply the money they have been in the habit of devoting to that purpose to some other object. We cannot see that this is "carrying coals to Newcastle."

As to the last point, the "slack" season, we turn to the editorial in question and we find these words, "there is not much business before the society," referring to the first half of the second college term. Just how that can be interpreted to mean that there is then a slack time in studies we are too dense to comprehend. The meetings of the first term are always so fully taken up with athletics and other matters that no effort is made to secure programmes. But in the early part of the second term, as all except the freshettes should know, it has been customary to have several open meetings. If the gentlemen heretofore have found time to prepare the whole programme for these meetings, we fail to see just where we have been uncomplimentary to the ladies in suggesting that they assist in the work hereafter. Let us say in closing that while we invite criticism on any position taken by the JOURNAL we fear that criticism which is as captious as that of "One of the Fifty-five" is hardly likely to secure a better status for the lady members of the A. M. S., and that alone was the object of the editorial in question.

Divinity Hall.

NOTES.

DINNERS are the order of the day. The Medical College students anticipate the holiday repasts by holding "dinners" before Christmas. The Arts men refrain from dining just now in order to whet their appetites for the coming turkeys. We of the Hall, abstemious, self-contained, would fain learn the "secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want." The following is doubtless the *locus classicus* on the subject:—"When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors; lest haply they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed; because they have not wherewith to recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just." Luke 14: 12-14. We see no reason why we should not have a Divinity Dinner on the lines indicated. By ministering publicly, as a corporation, to the poor, a good profession would be made of our aim to be ministers indeed; and such a banquet would not be lacking in the very best fun.

Mr. Jordan's exam. found most of us ill-prepared, as we have the impression that not enough time was given for the private reading of the Hebrew text. Indeed the lectures in the Divinity course are so numerous that it is hard to find place for quiet ru-