

casion rises, and it often does occur, the woman of my fantasy is always before my eyes to command my my thoughts and direct my language. Since these days I have found many real women of flesh and blood who resemble in many ways the air-drawn fancy which my own imagination wove, and every man may do the same if he treats the matter with the seriousness it deserves.

Before I set aside the name which I have borrowed from a well-known novel, I must ask the editors of this paper if they will allow me a little space some other time to add a few remarks on the subject of "ready made wives." For my own part I prefer all my goods and chattels made to order.

SANDYS.

A BREACH OF CONFIDENCE.

To the Editor :

The unfortunate incidents connected with the "At Home" recently given by the senior year in Arts, have given rise to much discussion, and a good deal of sharp criticism has been directed against the Invitation Committee, especially by those who only partially know the facts or are interested in perverting them. The feelings of some city ladies have been hurt, and these ladies feel that they have been insulted. In view of all this it may be as well to state the facts.

An Invitation Committee was appointed in the usual way, and issued invitations on the distinct understanding that only students were to receive them. One member of the year ordered one hundred and fifty invitations on behalf of the year, and then so far lost his sense of honor as to order twenty-five more, which he paid for himself, and which were to be used by him and

his accomplices to invite some of their friends outside the college. The plan was carried out and some Kingston ladies were invited. They announced openly that they intended to accept, and when informed politely that there must have been a mistake, as the committee had invited only college girls, they replied that they would "risk it" and intended to come. To send out notices to these people that their invitations had no authority, was certainly a drastic measure, but it was only adopted in the extremity of the case and after due consultation with the patronesses and others competent to advise. Those city girls who knew that their invitations were bogus and still prepared to come deserve no sympathy. If any lady was about to accept the invitation in good faith, it is certainly most regrettable, but surely a properly-minded woman would rather be forwarned that her invitation was not genuine than partake of the hospitality of people who had not invited her.

As to the members of the year who perpetrated this outrage, too strong words can hardly be used. They have described the affair as a "joke", but such a term may be equally well applied to the action of a bank-clerk who pilfers money. The fact that some of the offenders hold offices of trust and responsibility makes matters worse. Admittedly, they have been useful at times to the college, but a man may be a good hockey player, an able singer or a clever humorist, without having the first instincts of a gentleman, and perhaps the sooner the Arts Society deposes some of its officers, the better.

The writer of this article is not a member of the year '02 and is simply trying to take an unbiassed view of the situation.

OBSERVER.