

cause they are recognized as right and best. Might not this be gained, in part at least, by a proper use of the Levana Society? If the Levana were to attend to all business affecting the girls, make its decisions and then pass these on the form of recommendations to the A.M.S., we believe that we could let our wishes be known in a much more dignified fashion than the one at present in vogue. And we think that no one would deny us, as a body, the right to express our opinions about our own affairs.

This is no new principle. It is used in appointing the lady members of the JOURNAL staff; all we wish is an extension of it to take in other things. This would surely be more becoming than our present course, and infinitely more so than that proposed by "One of the Fifty-five." Only, it presupposes a larger attendance at the Levana meetings than has been customary. One more strong reason for coming!

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The Christmas meeting of the Society was held on the 20th Dec., as many of our members were leaving the city early in the week for their holidays. Miss Minnes read an excellent paper on the joys and privileges which are ours, particularly at this season. She spoke of how the true Christmas spirit ever leads us to share our blessings with our less fortunate sisters, thus by our loving helpfulness increasing our own store of happiness by sharing it.

A Christmas message from Miss McKellar, M.D., our Honorary President, was read:

"Over and over the cry is heard
Come and bring us the saving word;
Over and over the message rings
From the loving lips of the King of Kings,
'Go and tell them, 'tis my command,
Go and tell them in every land;
And while one soul of the sons of men
Waits for the word from lip or pen,
We who have heard it must tell them again."

Miss McCallum led the New Year meeting on "True Success," and pointed out how our ideal of success is often a false one; how success in studies, popularity, fame, wealth, and even happiness, while good in themselves, fall far below the standard of "our high calling in Christ Jesus," and how His life of apparent failure was the greatest success this world has ever seen.

"I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life by which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused, it answered soft and low,
'God's will to know.'"

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried:—
But, ere the question into silence died.
The answer came: 'Nay this remember, too—
God's will to do.'"

"Once more I asked: 'Is there still more to tell?'
And once again the answer softly fell:
'Yes, this one thing, all things above—
God's will to love.'"

ON THE RINK.

He was skating alone on the rink,
'Mid the merry light-hearted throng,
The bright-faced glad couples sped by him,
So joyfully gliding along.

He saw a gray fur coat quite near him,
And his heart said, "'Tis she! 'Tis she!'"
He flew to her side and whispered,
"Dear M——, come and skate with me."

Then straight she turned and froze him,
With an eye he could not evade,
And his knees grew weak beneath him—
'Twas the other gray-coated maid.

He skates no more 'mong the maidens,
His heart is like lead in his breast;
But he chafes the puck with the foremost,—
He's concluded that hockey is best.

CORRESPONDENCE.

If the columns of the first JOURNAL for '99 can afford space for a further discussion of the status of the girls in the A.M.S., I would ask the kindly indulgence of the editors for the use of the same. The spirit of universal kindness with which Christmas-tide had filled me, gave me twinges of regret when, on perusing the holiday number of the JOURNAL, I found that my remarks, which were made in perfect innocence and good faith, had so roused the ex-editor that, as the school-boy would say, "he got mad and called me names." Had my contribution been read in the spirit in which it was written, he would scarce have so far lost his dignity, even in a journalistic controversy. However, in future I shall remember it is dangerous to attack an editor upon his own grounds, even though he should invite "criticism—anything but indifference"—and with this contribution I shall retire from the controversial field.

As to being "a woman's rights advocate" I lay no claim to the title. The position of woman in political matters can safely be left to the upward evolution which everywhere marks the course of history,—eventually she will here or elsewhere reach that status in which her influence and power will be greatest. The idea, however, which at present the phrase "woman's rights advocate" calls up in the minds of our best men and women is not at all applicable to any of the Queen's girls.

As to the reference to the character of the discussions of the A.M.S., we thought even the proverbial Scott would see that the writer was not serious and so did not think it necessary to label the remark "joke." Needless to say we are pleased to receive assurances that nothing worse than cold logic (which, however detrimental to womankind, if taken in excess, has never been known to harm man's nobler nature) marks the proceedings there. Sometimes, indeed, whisperings get abroad of discussions