

Shortt, the first president of the association, and who occupied the chair at this meeting, was one of three who, twenty years ago, asked and gained admittance to Queen's. This session there are no fewer than one hundred and five women students registered. In connection with this, some remarks were passed about the miserable accommodation provided for the girl students at Queen's, and invidious comparisons were made between the state of affairs here and that in other universities. However, it is hoped and believed that the new building will remedy this serious defect, and that proper lavatories and reading rooms, and dressing rooms with some degree of privacy, will be provided.

The chief feature of the meeting from a literary point of view, was an excellent paper, by Mrs. Turnbull, on "The Responsibilities of the Twentieth Century Woman." The theme was wide, and the reading of the paper was followed by a general discussion on it, as well as on the books on "Household Economics," which had been read through the year.

One of the most interesting points brought up for discussion was the question of a women's residence. Some of the older graduates are strongly in favour of the project, others are opposed to it, while a great many seem indifferent on the subject. Those against it argue that the housing together of so many girls would engender frivolity, and that living in a residence would hinder the development of independence and self-reliance. On the other hand those in favour of it contend that, with a residence, the extremely young girls who now come to Queen's would be sure of a comfortable and sanitary home, and some slight supervision, which their mothers, at any rate, would approve of, and which cannot be expected in the ordinary boarding house. They also hold that such a scheme is quite practicable, as shown by the Y.W.C.As. in different cities which are self-supporting.

Not the least pleasant feature of the gathering was the supper served in the museum at six o'clock. Twenty-five women were seated at the table, among whom were some of the graduating class of this year. After the sup-

per various toasts were drunk, and speeches made, which, if they had heard them, would no doubt have caused the Alumni to tremble for their laurels.

At a short business meeting held in the evening, Mrs. Shortt was re-elected president, Miss Fowler vice-president, and Miss Malone secretary-treasurer, and committees were appointed.

It is to be hoped that the girls who leave the college this year will become members of the association, and in this way keep up their connection with their *alma mater*.

THE WESTERN ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN'S GRADUATES.

LEARNING that the Principal was to lecture in St. Thomas, on March 1st, on the "Outlook for National and Imperial Unity," the graduates, resident in the city, tendered him, at the close of the lecture, a banquet, to which they had invited all the sons and daughters of Queen's scattered throughout South-Western Ontario. They invited over an hundred, and about thirty came from eleven different centres. Richard Lees, M.A., Science Master, Collegiate Institute, St. Thomas, who acted as Secretary, spared no pains in hunting up the members and arranging for the banquet. It was a most successful function, lasting till 2 a.m., and as many had to return to their duties by early trains, they lingered about the scene, exchanging reminiscences of *auld lang syne* for an hour or two longer. The association was formed after supper, and the following officers were elected:—Honourary president, Principal Grant; president, Rev. D. R. Drummond, M. A., St. Thomas; first vice-president, J. H. Smith, M. A., Principal Collegiate Institute, Ridgetown; second vice-president, Miss Marty, M. A., St. Thomas; third vice-president, C. B. Edwards, B.A., London; fourth vice-president, J. A. Taylor, B.A., principal, High School, Dutton; secretary treasurer, Richard Lees, M.A., St. Thomas; executive committee, Dr. O'Brien, Essex; Dr. Odum, Woodstock; Dr. Lake, Ridgetown; A. H. D. Ross, B.A., principal, High School, Tilsonburg; J. H. Dempster, B.A., London;