

## Pertinent Questions

In the "College Man's" issue of the Oregon Weekly are two items of pregnant interest. One states that in leading co-educational universities of the East, the men ignore the women intellectually, and socially. The other announces that the co-eds of Willamette and Albany, recently held a public debate, and that Washington co-eds are arranging athletic teams with enthusiasm. The Weekly draws no inferences and makes no conclusions, but to the Oregon Monthly these two items offer food for thought.

We put it to our readers. Is there any connection between these facts? Why do not men students in Eastern Universities recognize their women co-workers? Is it because Eastern men are lower in standard, more degenerate than Western men? No one believes such an absurdity. Is it then because the women are lower in standard than our Western women? No one believes that either. Yet for the most part in Western Universities men and women work together for mutual interests, and stand upon equal footing. As it appears to the Oregon Monthly there is definite connection between the part women play in student body activities, and the recognition they get. Women are factors in college life only in so far as they exert active mental and social energy. We have passed, happily, beyond the stage where women are placed upon pedestals and receive praise for bad work; the theory being that of the dog who walks upon his hind legs. He does it clumsily, but we are amazed at his doing it at all. In universities women must give an equivalent for what they get. For many reasons Eastern women, though individually as efficient as the men, do not exert collective force in student body activities. They are, therefore, not recognized. Western women as a rule interest themselves in student affairs. They form intercollegiate debating teams, and go in for athletics. They are factors, leaders in college. As a result the women are fairly treated by the men. It is not a question of politeness, for unless a woman can make good, she has no place in a co-educational college.

What are Oregon women doing to perpetuate the natural relation that ought to exist in a fresh-blooded Western college? Are they exerting a direct influence in student body affairs? Are they factors intellectually, and politically? Are they more interested in spring clothes than in the coming student election? The