

Rough schema for a report which would be submitted to the C'man of the Feminine Commission.

- A. Why do only certain University women (and never men) find specifically feminine problems?
- B. Are there any problems?
- C. If so, what can we do about them?

A. Men not concerned because their University and professional lives are not affected.....reaction when their personal (married, home) lives are jeopardised.

The more serious-minded women (those who are eager to study, and not just to while away the time) are beginning to query the why's and wherefore's of University education for women, how it can be reconciled with woman's vocation to motherhood etc.

B. Are these problems real? Is there a just cause for this anxiety? Yes - woman fought for man's rights, and did she become somewhat masculine in the process while man did not become feminine (!)? Woman has won man's rights - to study on equal terms, to practise the "masculine" professions (in some countries anyway). Yet, is this male intellectual world cut to woman's measure? Is the cake as good as the eating? Is the University and professional world not adapted to her requirements? And has she balanced the exigencies of home life with her new accomplishments?

Here we would have to study as well the student for whom the University has no meaning in itself, rather a pleasant way of life. Also the whole question of the adaptation of University studies (where necessary) to correspond to women's interests, cf. notes, extract 1, bottom page 3, top page 4. What women should get from the University? and what they should contribute to it? (We would need a fulltime writer for the job!)

C. Solutions based on the axiom that it is no use bolting the stable door when the horse has fled. This would bring us into such vast fields as woman's vocation, theological basis.....the married and the single graduate, getting the feminine opinion accepted for its own worth, not as a matter of bulldozing right, etc.

D. Here Bridaine fades away at the mere thought of tackling such a report, and would gingerly pass "the baby" to her more competent friends!