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THE commencement which has just passed was the most successful in appearances and in numbers in attendance, that our college has ever had. This is a needless statement to those of our friends and alumni who were with us during the week, but to those who were not able to attend the graduating exercises and accompanying festivities, it is one well worth mentioning. The weather during the

time was all that could be desired, and added nothing to mar the occasion. The people that were within our gates added a large part to the enjoyable occasion, and in return, if appearances are not deceitful, were well repaid. The dances given by the different fraternities, the Adelphi club and the Junior class were of the most enjoyable character while the different exercises and athletic sports were very entertaining and instructive. Everything was taken in by the visitors and everybody seemed bent on having a good time.

All these facts show many things. In the first place, State is getting popular, or at least her commencements are. Each year shows an increase in the commencement crowd of visitors, which is composed of some of the best people in Pennsylvania and which does much to make the week what it is. They have a warm place in their hearts for our college, and know where to spend a few enjoyable days. Another thing noticeable in this last commencement was the return of an increased number of the alumni and the interest with which they took hold of things. This was manifested in the annual Alumni meeting, and work was formulated there, which if carried out, can produce nothing but the greatest good for our institution. It was in a good measure the same as suggested in a recent issue of the LANCE and along the lines pursued by many of our other leading colleges. The Alumni Association intends to organize branches in the two leading centres of the state, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, immediately, and in time to increase the number by placing branches in the smaller towns. The material for these associations is at hand, all that is needed is organization and work. Let this work succeed in its projects and in a few