

EDITORIAL.

STATE needs a more compact and a more active alumni organization. The organization and evidence of the Alumni Association are not such as the growth, character and best welfare of the college demand while the methods now in vogue do not even suggest to the alumnus that he has a vital opportunity to further the interests of the college. This is due to a lack of proper information for, excepting the letter requesting that the annual membership fees be forwarded to the treasurer, the alumnus learns little or nothing concerning the Association's existence. If he be so fortunate as to be able to be present at commencement he may attend the Alumni luncheon or the Alumni meeting and thus, and in other ways, refresh his memory but these affairs are entirely too inadequate as a means of sustaining the interest of the alumnus; they reach but a small number of the alumni.

With the classes of '92 to '98 more men have been graduated than with all the classes previous, the classes of '61 to '92, and the next few years will see the graduation of several hundred more. The alumni are therefore a rapidly growing body. Now these men, as they leave college, scatter as with the winds and but few are able to return from year to year. Last commencement there were about fifty of the alumni present and many of these were residents of State College or of towns near by. For such as these, who now constitute the voting part of the Association, the present methods may suffice, and, indeed, proximity to the college is alone sufficient to keep renewed their associations, but it is in the absent ones, the great majority, that the Alumni Association should strive to fix a continued and active interest.

To do this—to attain one of the objects of the association, “to promote fraternal feeling and facilitate intercourse”—the Alumni Record is published every five years. This is a very good idea, and the last register was a very good register, but five years is a very, very, long time. The Alumni Association, if it wishes to