

invitation to attend a banquet gotten up by some favorite sons of the College for no one's benefit except their own, as far as I could make out. Third, the Alumni Record. Now, as to the first. Of what earthly good is the Alumni Association (as now constituted) to a member located as I am? I may pay my dues and get a receipt which is the sum total of what I get in return. I am not allowed to vote for trustees of the College unless I am present at Commencement time. The dues go to pay for the feeding of a crowd at Commencement * * * * ."

The banquet was "gotten up by some favorite sons of the College for no one's benefit except their own," yet at the same time every alumnus was requested to enjoy, and we are pleased to know that a large percentage of the alumni did enjoy, the benefits thereof. Only one thing in connection with the banquet was monopolized by "a few favorite sons"—the drudgery and discouraging work of making the necessary arrangements for it. Just here it might be well to quote a portion of a letter from General Beaver, himself for some forty-odd years an alumnus of another institution, read at the banquet:—"It is pleasant for me to know that the alumni of P. S. C. are learning to appreciate themselves. * * * The public gathering of the alumni and friends of the College is a step in the right direction."

The complaint that the alumni not present at the Commencement meeting are not entitled to vote for trustees is well taken, yet we know it to be a fact that at least one-half of the alumni present at Commencement do not even take enough interest in the election of the alumni trustees to think it worth their while to avail themselves of the privilege of voting. We agree with him that all the alumni should be entitled to vote for the alumni trustees. A heroic attempt was made by the Alumni Association several years ago to have such a clause inserted in the new charter, but we have learned upon indisputable authority that the clause was defeated almost entirely through the influence of a member of the Board of Trustees who was himself an alumnus. Some of the local alumni believe that, at some time in the near future, all of the alumni will be entitled to vote. The Alumni Association does not and never did "pay for the feeding of a crowd at Commencement time." The College has always stood the entire expense of the so-called Alumni Dinner. The dues are expended in