

dents at which over 600 were present. Addresses were made by President Atherton, General Beaver, and others. During the year four social evenings were held, each attended by a large number of students. One evening was set apart for the entertainment of the members of the Bible classes and another social was given to the officers and committeemen for the coming year. The object of this department has been to provide some social life for the men who are unable to share in the social advantages enjoyed by some of their fellow-students. Not all can have the social privileges that come from fraternity life and yet these men need social relaxation as much or more than those who are members of fraternities. This side of the Association work should be greatly enlarged in the future and provision made for regular social events extending over the whole year.

RELIGIOUS WORK.

The Sunday evening meetings have maintained a high standard both in attendance and in the interest shown. The general average attendance for all meetings during the year has been about 150. The subjects considered have been pertinent to college life and its needs and have aimed at securing practical results. Besides the Sunday evening service a prayer meeting has been held every Tuesday evening. Special meetings have been held during the year. Mr. Sayford of Boston, was with us for three days speaking along evangelistic lines. Under his leading over forty men took a stand for a better life. The week of prayer was observed with a series of week night meetings led by students and by the ministers of the town. During the year the Association has been addressed by the following: Gen. James A. Beaver, Dr. Gill, Prof. Willard, Dr. Runkle, Rev. J. O. Denniston, Rev. E. R. Heckman, Rev. J. W. Smith of Warren, Mr. A. B. Williams, C. H. Haas, M. D., Mr. W. J. Miller, Jr. Rev. Dr. Forbes, Pres. Root of Lebanon Valley College, Dr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. S. M. Sayford, Rev. W. L. Mudge, Rev. J. H. Odell of Scranton and Rev. E. Hulley.

WORK FOR NEW STUDENTS:—Before the opening of the college year a letter was sent to all entering men setting forth the work and aims of the Association and assuring them of the desire of the Association to render them every possible assistance. At the opening of college a reception

was given to the new men at which the various interests of college life were presented. A bureau of information was conducted in the Association rooms by means of which a large number were aided in the securing of rooms and board. The handbook, which has been greatly improved, was distributed to all students and every effort made to assist the new men. A beginning has also been made toward finding employment for students who want work. About six men have been helped in this way during the year and much more might be done if the system were more thoroughly organized.

FINANCIAL:—Under the able leadership of the chairman of the financial committee the finances of the Association have been kept in good condition and provision made for an increased budget made necessary by the growth of the work. The treasurer's report is found below.

In closing this brief sketch of the year's work it is only fitting that acknowledgement be made to the officers and committeemen of the Association for their hearty co-operation and loyal support in making possible the advance of the year.

Too much praise cannot be given those men who have spent time and effort in an earnest endeavor to help their fellow students. There is no material reward but that which comes from the consciousness of having served in unselfishness the needs of their fellows. Much is due, likewise, to the members of the Advisory Committee for their timely advice and most generous support. The Association is also greatly indebted to those alumni and friends of the college who, by their splendid gifts, have made possible the general supervision of the work for the past two years.

The growth in the Association has indeed been most gratifying; but let it be borne in mind that what has been done is, in a sense, but the foundation upon which a greater and better work may be built. We bespeak, then, for those upon whom the responsibility has fallen of carrying on this work during the coming year, the loyal and sympathetic co-operation and backing of all men who have the best interests of State at heart. And let the coming year be characterized by even greater devotion to the cause of righteous living and by a clearer apprehension of those things which after all are alone of permanent worth.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PAST YEAR.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand March 30, 1904.....	\$272.81	
Concert and Lecture Course	576.65	
Membership Dues.....	187.50	
Handbook Committee.....	162.68	
Bible Study Committee for 1903-1904.....	23.50	
Concert Course for 1903-1904.....	4.00	
Convention Accounts, Money re- turned on Loans.....	25.00	
Bible Study Committee for 1904-1905.....	45.50	
Margaret Barry Entertainment.....	16.85	
Lecture on Japan and Russia, Missions.....	67.95	
Total Receipts.....		1382.44

EXPENDITURES

Bible Study Committee.....	112.22
Missionary Committee	87.95
Social Committee.....	85.95
Religious Work Committee	14.40
Membership and New Student Committees.....	5.12
Printing	17.10
Northfield Conference.....	35.00
Lakewood Conference	60.00
Presidents Conference	20.00
State Convention.....	10.00
International Committee.....	30.00
State Committee	30.00
Handbook Committee.....	162.68
Concert and Lecture Course.....	427.60
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	50.17
Total Expenditures.....	1118.19

Paid over to Treasurer B. H. Olmsted 264.25

Respectfully submitted
JEROME J. MORGAN,
Audited and approved, April 15, 1905
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 } O. C. Hays
 } B. H. Olmsted

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT ATHERTON ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION AT STATE.

One of the very pleasantest recollections of my life is the fact that, in the middle '50's of the last century, I joined with other young men, when I was fitting for college at Exeter, New Hampshire, in the formation of one of the earliest Y. M. C. A. organizations in the United States. This early interest has never been impaired, and although it has not been possible for me to engage actively in the affairs of the organization, I have observed it with a friendly and, at the same time, a critical eye. On the whole, I feel safe in saying that no single agency has done more to vitalize the Christian Church, and to bring the life of Christian men into accord with their professions, than the active, vigorous, and, on the whole, sane activities of the Young Men's Christian Associations.

Speaking more particularly of the Association here in The Pennsylvania State College, I have been gratified beyond measure to observe that, during the last few years, it has apparently outgrown its swaddling clothes, and has come into the full stature of a vigorous manhood. The work of the Association has been constantly in evidence without being obtrusive, and the life of its