

tion was large, and there have been other heavy items of expense. This large expenditure has been successfully met by the profit earned by the entertainment course, without which it would be impossible to successfully conduct the finance of the Association. It is hoped that before many years the membership dues will so far meet the current expenses of the Association that the proceeds of the entertainment course may be devoted to much needed improvements in the Association rooms, and to the establishment of a permanent Northfield Loan fund. Then again the entertainment course must ever be an uncertain investment, and should it, from any cause, be a failure, the finances of the Association would be in a bad way. However the past year has been eminently successful from the financial standpoint, and no apprehensions are felt for the immediate future. The statement was printed in a recent issue of the Collegian, and therefore need not be republished here.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership committee has been the weak point in the work during the past year. In fact, so much was this the case that not until a re-organized committee got to work in March was anything accomplished. The result is a very small membership roll, it being as follows: active members—141, associate—25, total—166. No sustaining members have been enrolled during the year.

It is to be regretted that many strong men in the college, who are apparently in hearty sympathy with the Association, have not seen fit to join as members. With conditions of membership so broad and dues so small, this apathy is indeed strange, and greatly hinders the work of the membership committee, which is compelled to put upon these men time and energy that should be expended elsewhere.

This work during the coming year

will certainly be much more vigorous than in the past year, and it is hoped that the student co-operation will be greater.

SOCIAL

The usual opening reception was very well attended, and highly successful. Addresses were made by President Atherton, General Beaver, Dr. Gill and others. Besides this a social was held at Thanksgiving time for those unable to go home during the recess. Such social events do much to break the monotony of the routine college work, and provisions have been made to enlarge this work during the coming year.

The social committee has also had charge of the entertainment course, which has brought to State College many noted lecturers and entertainers. The course as planned for next year will be even better than its predecessor, being the best ever attempted in the college.

The game boards in the rooms have been well patronized. An enlargement in this line of Association activity is hoped for as soon as it is possible to refurnish the rooms.

WORK FOR NEW STUDENTS.

The customary circular letter was sent to the members of the incoming class and they also received Handbooks at their arrival in State College. An information and employment bureau was maintained in the Association offices, and a reception held early in the first term. It would be a great help to the Association were some means devised whereby the names of incoming Freshmen might be sent to the membership committee before the opening of college.

EQUIPMENT.

One notable improvement in the equipment of the office is a card index of all members, of whom no record has heretofore been kept. The library has been enlarged, chiefly by the addition of several copies of the Cambridge Bible, and

of many valuable pamphlets. The purchase of a complete set of the Expositors Bible is contemplated. This and other such works of reference and commentary are much needed by the student leaders of Classes. The reading room has been supplied with several weekly papers in addition to the college and school periodicals.

In closing, it remains for the association to thank these loyal friends in faculty, alumni and student body who have done so much to make possible the advance of the past. The Advisory committee, especially, has labored untiringly and devotedly amid the most adverse circumstances, and its members are deserving of the gratitude of every one who is at all interested in the christian work at "State."

Although the achievements of the past year have been such that it seems hard indeed to make an advance, yet those who are to direct the work of the coming year feel that, with the loyal and active co-operation of every man—faculty member, alumnus or student—who is interested in the deepest welfare of our college, the association can go on to still greater things. The prosperity and growing influence of old "State" demand such advance.

A Couple of Surprises.

The Franklin and Marshall nine played an unexpectedly strong game here last week, State's team playing so loosely, that it was not until the final inning that Kilmer's timely drive sent Mahaffey over the plate with the deciding run.

Down against the husky Villanovans the State boys ran into another "surprise party," as Captain Nichol's team walloped the ball in such good fashion as to win out easily by the largest score against State during the present season.

On May 28th in Philadelphia, State was confident of victory over Pennsylvania, but a heavy downpour of rain spoiled everything.