

Association Report by the General Secretary.

"Groff Day"

February the twenty first was "Groff Day." The morning chapel service was given over to the consideration of the work of missions and especially that of State's representative at the Canton Christian College, China. A committee of seventy students had charge of the day with Dr. Sparks as honorary chairman, the president of the Association as chairman, the class presidents and three alumni as vice chairmen. The theme of the morning was "Missions from the Standpoint of the Statesman." General Beaver and three students spoke. There was special music. The Chinese Ambassador at Washington sent a large dragon flag for the day. A thousand dollars was subscribed for the support of George Weidman Groff '07.

Hugh McAllister Beaver Day is set apart to consider the life of Hugh Beaver '95, who at twenty-four laid down his life, a true type of our best college christian life.

Missionary

This has been our banner year in enrollment in mission study. There have been five different classes studying the problems of the country, the city, the aliens or Americans and the foreign work.

There are three student volunteers in school.

There has been a decided increase in our missionary contributions. In 1907-'08 \$559.18, in 1908-'09 \$1010.00.

Community Service

Through the activity of a committee of women belonging to the civic club of State College a reading room for the boys of the village has been secured. The management of this has been turned over to the association. The room is open four nights a week. There are thirty five boys in the club. A committee of stu-

dents under the directorship of George Ogilvie take their turn in spending an evening with the boys.

A Sunday school is held in the Branch school house where there are a number of children too far from church to attend Sunday school regularly. Fifty scholars are enrolled. There is also a well attended mid-week prayer meeting.

Students teach in town Sunday schools and take an interest in local churches.

A Bible class of janitors and working men of the College has been carried on since February with an enrollment of sixteen men.

A service is held for the lumbermen at Alto when weather permits. This is a great boon to them as they are too far from churches to attend. The meetings are held in the saw mill with the people seated on the logs and the saw dust. The attendance on May 30 was 61. The Young Women's Christian Association gave them a picnic. This outing was a rare treat for them.

Three State men will be associated with the Rev. Robert Davis as residents in the Christ Church Settlement House this coming summer. More men have applied for Christian work in New York City this summer than can be accommodated. One of the State men has decided for the ministry as his life work.

Fleming '09, represented State College at an important laymen's missionary convention at Troy, New York.

Watson '09 and Pentacost '11 attended the convention at Pottsville.

Bible Study

There were 550 men in Bible study classes. Seventy-five of these enrolled after the second semester. There were 51 group Bible classes. Nine of these were fraternity groups with an enrollment of 145. In 1907 and 1908 there were only 29 men in these fraternity classes.

Five students and two faculty

members attended the Bible conference at Columbus, Ohio. Profs. F. L. Pattee, Foster and Rev. Mr. Martin led normal classes and Profs. Willard, Cottrell, Hunt, Agee, Duncan, Cloke led Bible classes. It is encouraging to see the favorable attitude toward Bible study which overran our policy by 10 per cent.

The Class of 1909.

We are about to lose, by graduation, the largest class which has ever left Penn State. There are 146 members, among whom there are two ladies,—Florence May Benedict, of State College, and Elizabeth Bertha Bower of Mooresburg. The class of 1905 had 93 members; 1906, 87; 1907, 130; and 1908, 127. In the freshman year 1909 had 269 members, of which 49 were from the sub-freshman class of the previous year. The reduction in numbers is practically the same as that of 1908, which began its course with 236 members. As in former years, the Electrical Engineering Department, with 41 students, is at the head of the list; there are 24 Mechanical Engineers, 25 Civil Engineers, 18 Miners, 18 Chemists; 15 are in the Agricultural course; 2 in the Biology course, and one each in the courses of Modern Languages, General Science, and Home Economics. Practically every part of the state has its representatives, for 48 of the 66 counties can claim students. Pittsburg has 9, Harrisburg 5, Erie 3, Wilkesbarre and Scranton each 2, and Philadelphia, Reading and Altoona 1 apiece. There are also members from Maryland, West Virginia, New York, Delaware, and Porto Rico. The average age of the class is about 23.5 years. Four of the members are married: Barlow, Bechtold, Kleback, and Wrigley. During the four years of its existence the class has had the following presidents: Postlethwaite, Simon, Rees, and Marsh. Every phase of college