

of the pledge. Had it been representative action, I am convinced they could have so reported.

But how is such representative action to be obtained? The only medium offered is that of the Alumni Association. Clearly that, as it is at present constituted, is not adequate. The attendance at any of its meetings is not more than ten per cent. of those entitled to be present. Those who are present cannot be called representatives, in either sense of the term. That they are the progressive party is clearly shown in the threatened fate of the Library Endowment Scheme.

An extension of the Association is necessary to a full expression of opinion. Were there Branch Associations formed in each Presbytery where there are six Alumni; and were these not only recognised by the Central Association, but adopted and fostered by it, there could then be obtained a true representative expression of opinion upon any question of College interest before action need be taken.

The Central Association has now two meetings each year—An Interim Meeting in April, and the Annual Meeting in October. At the April meeting, usually a business meeting, let there be prepared a statement of the questions that have emerged during the year, and upon which it is desirable to have a representative judgment. Let these be sent down to the Branch Associations for their consideration and decision. Let these Branch Associations be requested to send representatives to the Annual Meeting of the Central Association in October, where these questions shall come up for final discussion and settlement. The Association has then the opinion of the entire constituency. Their instructions to the representatives will be in no sense individual, and these representatives will go into the Senate carrying not simply the influence of individuals but of the large body they represent. Only in some such way can any well-defined action be taken, the influence of the Alumni be brought to bear upon the deliberations of the Senate, and Alumni representation become something more than a name.

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