

of the Alumni to see that the Association *does* express their sentiments, and expresses them clearly and definitely.

The Annual Meeting of the Association is approaching. The Secretary's invitations are now in the hands of members. Now that Senate representation is an established fact, it is an opportune time to formulate a definite line of action, to make this representation effective.

There are questions more or less discussed among Alumni, but upon which discussion is so indefinite that no representative meaning can yet be gathered. There is a pretty definite opinion in the mind of each Alumnus in respect to the lengthening of the College term. But the expression of opinion so far has been purely individual. Would it not be possible to advance it a stage, and give this question a definite existence and shape, as the sentiment of the Alumni as a body? We know the opinion of individuals. These conflict, and the question is now held up at rest between them. If it is not to drop, and pass out of sight altogether, there must now be an endorsement of one or the other view on the part of the Alumni. To bring it within the range of College Politics we must have more than the opinion of the individual, we want the representative sentiment.

This question is by no means the only one that has passed the individual stage and awaits further action. One that should indeed take precedence of it is that of the continuance or reconstruction of the Preparatory Course in Knox College. All that can be said on either side has already been said, and what is needed now is to sum up, and obtain a representative endorsement. If our representatives could go into the Senate and declare the prevailing feeling and desire of these constituents upon this question, there would certainly be a strong factor contributed towards its settlement.

It is important that this expression of opinion be obtained before definite action is taken, otherwise this action may or may not become representative. At the last Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, action was taken upon the Library Endowment Scheme. The Association pledged itself to raise \$2000 towards the Endowment. There was no representative expression for or against this pledge, but, relying upon the hearty endorsement of the scheme by the whole body of Alumni, those present entered into it. The result has not been satisfactory. Not twenty-five per cent. of the amount pledged has yet been subscribed, though double that amount should not be a burden in a constituency of 435. Through our representatives we made this offer. We believe it will be made good, but it would have given a greatly increased influence to those who represent us, if they could have reported now the fulfilment