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timid ones who really have ideas or questions refrain from saying anything. The very size of the group is beginning to work against philosophy. The officers and I are trying to work out some meetings at which only active members or participants are present, and Dean MacKay approves of this introduction of a distinction in the types of our meetings. I do not want to cut philosophy off from this wider interest and influence, for we never know when it is "doing some good" in ways unknown to us. But we must provide for smaller discussion groups. And here is the point of my remarks: we may want to offer this talk of Porteous, and have you offer your hospitality, to such a smaller group within the larger one. This I want to talk over with you as soon as it is convenient for you.

At ~~fix~~ present the only distinction we are entitled to make is that of sheer membership. Our meetings have been open to the public. But there is a membership list, consisting of those who have paid twenty-five cents to the student who is treasurer, and it may be that we shall have to stick to that list, even though it contains some who are not really active.

This is not a matter of extraordinary importance. But we ought to consider it, for your own interests as well as for the Society. My estimate is that our last meeting had as many as seventy in attendance. That would be a tax upon you and upon the Society.

You know from previous conversations that I believe a Philosophical Society is one of the most valuable adjuncts of the education of men in philosophy. That is why I attend to these details of the group-organisation.

Porteous has given me a good letter-full of suggestions for our program of next year. Faithfully yours
CW Heindel