

The Alumni Association holds two meetings during the year—one just at the close of the school year in June, the other generally the Saturday evening before Christmas. These meetings are held in Chicago and a jolly good time is certain. After a good supper, a smoke furnished by the doctor, and some music, the main events of the evening occur. This frequently takes the form of an experience meeting, and our worthy toastmaster selects a victim renowned for the varied experience which he has undergone, if not for his oratorical ability. His words of advice, warning and cheer always contain helpful hints of what to do or not to do, and prove of value to the inexperienced and therefore more or less timid, untried man.

At the meetings there is usually present some representative of the Institute, who brings to us the latest developments in equipment and plans. At recent meetings encouraging talks have been given by Dr. Gunsaulus and Dean Monin, and Dean Raymond has made a full and interesting statement concerning the new equipment at the School.

The June meeting is the more important of the two, for at this time the members of the graduating class are the guests of the Alumni Association, and their reception into the Association is the chief event of the evening. The attendance at this time is usually very large, the last meeting showing an attendance of about seventy. The midwinter meeting is more in the nature of a reunion of those members in and near Chicago, and while it is very enjoyable, it does not afford as large an opportunity for fellowship as the meeting in June.

The value of an Alumni Association to any educational institution is considerable, as it is the most reliable and convenient channel of communication between the institution and the public, from which it draws its support. The loyal co-operation and services of a wide awake body of alumni is a valuable adjunct to any school. On the other hand, the value of the Alumni Association to the graduate is great and one that he cannot afford to ignore.