A WORD FROM PRESIDENT HAMILTON

A WESTERN historical society recently reported: “At the present writing we have a total of 218 members, 94 of whom are delinquent.” Our own society, the youngest and perhaps the most virile of all the state historical societies in the country, has a much more cheerful record to present. Still less than two years old, our membership roll already contains 393 names and is constantly growing. We are proud of the ready response which has met our efforts, but nevertheless feel that pride in our success must be tempered with the realization that we might approach the position of the society mentioned above, so far as delinquent membership is concerned. At the present time a few of our members have not paid their first year’s dues and a number are in arrears for their second year’s dues. We wish to call this delinquency to the attention of our members in order to urge upon them the necessity of keeping up their payments.

The year 1934 was a good one for our association, aside from our rapid membership growth. Four numbers of PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY were published, containing a total of 252 pages. The favorable comments elicited from educators and historians, both within and without the state, have been most heartening. Our association is cooperating with the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies which is carrying on an active historical program. The CWA survey of historical source material produced excellent results and should aid greatly in leading to a deeper and more fundamental appreciation of the grandeur of our history.

The death of Dr. George P. Donehoo was a sad blow to our association, to the Federation, and to historical activities in general.
in the Commonwealth. Our forces are strengthened, however, by the return to the state of Mr. Julian P. Boyd, who has taken up his new duties with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the coming of Dr. Orin Oliphant to Bucknell University, as well as Dr. William A. Russ, Jr., to Susquehanna University.

During the coming year we hope to enlarge our publication program and to lay plans for a series of monographic and bibliographical contributions which will be of great assistance to all teachers and others interested in the history of our state.

The success of our program depends upon the continued support of the members of the association and I urge upon all to present our cause to others who may be interested in it. Our magazine should be in every library in the state and our membership roll second to none in the country.

A. Boyd Hamilton.