

**C**LASS SUPPERS and similar occasions have been scarce this term. We would have suggested that the "class feeling," which is always mentioned to excuse the strivings at the opening of each college year might be ventilated in some such way as these more tolerable occasions offer. Freshman, show us some of your class loyalty (?) now, and do not ask us to patronize your impositions upon innocent new comers next fall, for it is not long since you wished and needed our sympathy. We say this, not to intimate that you are now lacking, but to suggest that you ought not to accumulate such a head of "class feeling" as will drive you to engage in Sophomore raids before the next issue of THE FREE LANCE.

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**W**E are led to believe that the students of Pennsylvania State College do not have sufficient self-confidence. They are too timid about submitting their ideas and convictions upon a subject to the public. Their contributions to the students' paper are few indeed. They certainly cannot be under the impression that THE FREE LANCE is not their paper. If they place the standard of writings which should come before the public above their best efforts they show a serious lack of confidence in their own ability. It is right to place the standard of communications as high as possible; but let it not be so high that it is reach-

ed by so few. Let your contributions be liberal and the result of your best endeavors, and you subject them to the criticism of a very few.

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**T**HE arrival of President Atherton on his return from Europe was unexpected to the students, but on this account was all the more pleasant. The audience which assembled in the chapel to receive him the first evening after his arrival gave an assuring welcome by their cheerful presence and their eager attention to the President's recital of a few of the incidents of his journey and the impressions he received. Among the many things the speaker illustrated in an interesting manner were: The readiness of the servants across the water to do the traveler a service, giving at the same time subtle hints for recompense; the ignorance of the general people of European countries concerning the workings of their public officers and institutions, and the uncertain and disturbed condition of the public mind in France.

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**A**S the Commencement season has arrived, it is natural that among the higher classmen there should be some anxiety as to whether the programme is as interesting as it might be, and whether they have done their part to make it entertaining and instructive. The graduating classes of the past have always used their best endeavors to