

pitcher from the University in all their playing with State College, notwithstanding they lost every game previous to last season.

In the last number of the FREE LANCE we withstood considerable of pressure from the one hundred and seventy-five students of our college in refraining from the expression of the unanimous sentiment toward Bucknell. This unanimous sentiment, together with the fact that the *Mirror* has taken the initiative, and has employed offensive epithets, vulgar insinuations, and false statements, has called forth this full review of the matter. We have conscientiously tried to confine ourselves strictly within the limits of facts. Furthermore, we decline any further controversy, holding such controversies in general to be odious, though we feel justified in the above exposition at the demand of fellow students, knowing that we can not do violence to inter-collegiate relations strained in every part by the *Mirror* and the treatment received at the hands of "Bucknell athletes."

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FRATERNITIES have rooted themselves in our midst. Already we feel their good and bad influences. That there are peculiar benefits belonging to fraternity life no one can intelligently deny. That there is also much harm to be guarded against and some evil which necessarily comes remains true. One of the evils which necessarily comes is the unkindly feeling generated in some instances by what has been called fraternity caste. Fraternity bias has been charged in some close circles, perhaps some outside of any fraternity, to the management of the FREE LANCE, none would be more ready to deprecate such a state of affairs than we. It will be a sad day for the FREE LANCE when such a disposition creeps in among the controlling members of the staff. We can support no more than one paper; let us stand by that one in the name of the united college. Fellow students, we write thus not because any defection now threatens the FREE

LANCE, but because foresight and discretion are necessary in order to avoid future evil, and we gladly and sincerely pledge ourselves to a policy in the present staff which knows no fraternity. He who carries such considerations into the FREE LANCE staff has wholly mistaken his mission. Within the staff our position is well enough understood; we desire to forestall any misunderstanding outside.

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A THING "devoutly to be wished for" at this place is a course of lectures. Few places we know are less favored in this respect than this college. There is no provision made for popular lecturers or speakers by the college. Not only are the students left to provide this counterpart of their course for themselves, but the surrounding circumstances appear to forbid any such undertaking. The financial guarantee will not warrant the employment of a popular lecturer of high reputation. It is perhaps possible, however, that something might be done to improve upon the present condition. We suggest that each class, college and preparatory, call a meeting and choose one member to act upon a committee of six thus representing the whole body of students in general and each class in particular. Let this committee go to work in earnest to devise some scheme having for its object public entertainments of a literary character for next term. Has not the president of each class interest enough in this matter to inaugurate the movement? Let us see whether there be no escape from a whole term destitute of anything of the above named character which college students expect.

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IT seems to be an inherent part of some persons' nature to destroy public property. The fact that a thing does not belong to any separate individual seems to be an excuse for some persons to destroy it. Colleges particularly have to contend with this matter. One would think that a body of young men seeking