

an example. There is room for improvement in others likewise. The mechanical students often complain of lack of attention.

The members of the Faculty, we hope, will not take offence at our criticisms; we make them for our mutual benefit, and would be glad to hear, through the columns of the *FREE LANCE*, the views of any student or professor, on the subject.

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THE following is a communication from Mr. J. F. L. Morris, a former student of our College, now of Cornell University, in response to an editorial in the last number of the *FREE LANCE*. Want of space prohibits the publication of his entire letter. The remainder, which contains some points worthy of consideration, will appear in the next issue:

ENTRE NOUS.

"A recent issue of the *FREE LANCE* contained an Editorial on a timely topic in reference to an appeal to the Alumni for "Aid, encouragement, and suggestions." In my opinion, to endeavor to arouse and enlist the interest of the Pennsylvania State College Alumni—unless the men have changed with the times—the editors might as well waste their efforts in trying to interview Egyptian mummies. In the latter case, they have the proud satisfaction of dealing with something, at least, Egyptian.

"Why can't their interest be aroused," do you ask?

Merely on account of their apathy, nothing else whatever.

"It is, indeed, true, there are a few to whom the above statement does not refer, but the great fault is, they are too few. The time of a business man is mostly absorbed in his work,

but there can be no excuse for a college man to wholly neglect his *Alma Mater*. Who ever heard of a P. S. C. Alumni dinner, other than the customary commencement dinner? Who ever heard of an Alumni re-union? Who ever heard of a District Alumni Association to further the interests of the College? Who ever heard of an Alumnus making a bequest to the institution? I never did; and lest I be misunderstood, let me add, that it is not my desire, nor is it my purpose to impugn or belittle an institution which I regard as highly as any student within its walls. What a college is, depends greatly on her Faculty and students, but her Alumni is an important factor as well, and I have merely mentioned a few, of what might be called, neglected opportunities, to bring the college to the front. It cannot be denied, that there are many men who have spent four of the best years of their life in college, and yet lost all interest in their *alma mater* from the very day of their graduation.

"Strange, isn't it?

"The writer believes the Class of '89 has done more to make P. S. C. known and felt than any preceding Class. Yet, this would have been impossible without that liberal policy in management inaugurated by President Atherton. But I think the policy could be made still more liberal; for instance, in the way of allowing a fixed number of "cuts" in recitations. Again, how it worries me to recall the days of compulsory daily chapel attendance, when, after a rapid transit service, we meandered out of Chapel like a flock of sheep! You can no more lead a boy to the altar, and make him pray, than you can lead a horse to the water and make him drink, or