

COMMENCEMENT promises unusual entertainment. A larger class will be graduated than has been for many years, and the list of speakers, so far as known at present, is excellent. Gen. Oliver O. Howard will make the Y. M. C. A. address; Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick, Attorney General of Pennsylvania, the Alumni address, and Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, Ex-Lieutenant Governor of New York, the Commencement address. We hope to see many of the Alumni and friends of the college present, more especially we refer to the Alumni of recent years, of whom we expect a large number.

To the Editor of the FREE LANCE:

DEAR SIR:—I present below a correction which I trust you will publish in the forthcoming edition of the LANCE. The correction I desire to make is in the third paragraph of the second editorial in the March number of the LANCE; the paragraph reading as follows:

“In the present case, that violence was committed by the Sophomore class in breaking into rooms and removing and damaging articles of furniture is undeniable. That they should be obliged to pay the full cost of the same, as they did, and that, in addition, they should be obliged to feel the full extremity of college authority and law, is perfectly justifiable; but that notwithstanding all this they are called upon to sign a paper in which they agree not to engage” etc.

From a perusal of the above one might think that the “full extremity of college authority and law” would not include the payment for damages done by the Sophomores but that it was an extraneous matter alto-

gether. This is not the case, however, for the enforcement of “college law and authority” would involve all points touching upon the class escapade referred to.

I can clearly see how some might misinterpret the paragraph, but in my mind the writer of it used the two sentences, which may appear ambiguous to some for the sole purpose of emphasis and though the whole gist of the paragraph could have been expressed in the clause, “to feel the full extremity of college authority and law,” the use of the additional sentences was only to impress the fact upon the minds of the readers.

Very respectfully,

GEO. R. MEEK,

Past Ed. of the FREE LANCE.

GROWTH OF ELECTRICAL SCIENCE.

OF the many great and rapid developments in scientific and engineering subjects of the nineteenth century there has probably been none of so much importance, or so extensive, as that of electricity.

Properties of electricity were known to the earliest Grecian philosophers, and with their slight knowledge, all the philosophers which the world produced from that time up to the seventeenth century, remained content. In the beginning of the seventeenth century the subject was again taken up by ambitious scientists, but resulted in nothing more than to excite the coming generations; for it was not until the middle of the eighteenth century that any discovery of practical or theoretical importance was made. Although at this time many philosophers and scientists again began