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IT is very gratifying to the friends of the college to note the extremely creditable manner in which the Corps of Cadets carried itself while on the recent trip to Gettysburg. The conduct of the men, both as a body and as individuals, while away from college was such as to win the praise not only of the citizens of the town where they were quartered but of all who came in contact with them while on the trip.

To place a body of one hundred and seventy students in a strange town, where they are totally free from the restraints of daily studies, is an act which any faculty would seriously question the ad-

visability of but the conduct of our battalion while at Gettysburg shows truly, however, that the students can be trusted, to uphold the good name of our college while away from the watchful eye of the Faculty.

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THE Editors feel called upon to offer some apology and explanation for the lateness with which this issue is published. The recent expedition to Gettysburg, coming at a time when the LANCE is usually ready for the press, brought a break in the work and, on return to college, such a sudden gathering up of duties, dropped completely for a week, as to render impossible the preparation of the matter in time.

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AT the opening of the present college year, in order that the college paper might keep pace with the College itself in its rapid strides toward the front, the management of the FREE LANCE decided to increase the size of the journal. Accordingly, as has no doubt been noticed by our readers, beginning with the October issue, the paper was increased in size by four additional pages. This enlargement furnishes us with better opportunities to publish literary or indeed any articles of interest that may be contributed either by the Alumni, students or friends of the college. In the past we have received few, if any, contributions from the under-graduates. This fact is to be regretted, for unless a college paper furnishes a means for the publication of the writing of the students it loses one half its value as a college journal. The fault here has been with the college men and not the college paper that they have been so slow to exercise their talents in a literary line. We hope that the under-graduates will realize this and aid in supporting the FREE LANCE in all its departments.