

action and know full well the trouble that it causes.

Again, it is improbable that any man on the committee, knowing himself an incapable player, —the committee also having the same knowledge— would have the audacity to give himself a place on the team against the desires of the whole body of the students. Public sentiment would soon put a stop to that.

We should surely return to the old way and let the college men choose for such committee men whom they know will serve to the best interest of the Association, and a great deal of unnecessary confusion will be avoided.

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THE circulation of the FREE LANCE among our Alumni and others who have been students at P. S. C. is not nearly what it should be. It is true that the greater part of our monthly issue is sent away from State College, yet there are many who have spent a year or more here, and who certainly continue to feel an interest in the place and in their old associates who are not subscribers to the paper which above all others ought to, and would, interest them.

We feel perfectly safe in saying that the FREE LANCE offers the best possible means for keeping in touch with our college friends and class-mates of by-gone days; and we wish simply to remind those who for any reason are not receiving the LANCE, that there is such a paper; and those who are, that they would confer a favor on any of the above class by bringing the FREE LANCE to their notice.

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IN a technical institution like ours more attention should be paid by the engineering students to the work of the Engineering Society. That organization was started several years ago, after much hard work on the part of a few of the college men, who saw the need of an institution of learning, which made a specialty of engineering courses, having a society that would bring together technical students for the purpose of study

outside of the class room routine. For several years everything worked smoothly, and it was decided by all its members to be a source of much benefit. Last year the interest commenced to lag, and this year, when the College has more technical students than ever before, the Society has less members. This is to be greatly deplored, for the fact that the negligence of a great body of the men to grasp the opportunities offered to broaden their knowledge in the various fields of engineering does not speak well for their interest in their work here. The meetings are held on such nights as to interfere with no other societies, and it would be well for many, who would spend that time in less profitable pursuits, to attend them.

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WE clip the following from the Philadelphia Press, and if every critic of our collegiate game of foot-ball would read the article carefully he would be able to see why it is that a game which is *seemingly* so rough holds the number of votaries it does:

"The race that takes the most risks is the race that wins, not that that sees its risks taken by proxy. And the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic and the confused and conglomerate American equivalent, that play at games or politics in a manner that is deadly, are the races that will win in the end; not those whose amusements are namby-pamby and outdoor life as artificial as their indoor. There are many people who, seeing a foot-ball game, a college foot ball game, are apt to exclaim in the language of one of the Press' characterizations, "It's worse den a dog fight;" for beyond all question the inherent savagery, the brute force in all its nakedness, made all the more effective by skill and the presence of physical danger, impress one most powerfully. And this impression is heightened when one reads of limbs broken, skulls fractured, bodies paralyzed and of men killed, till the reformer is apt to shriek, "Away with the game, where intellects are slaughtered to make a college holiday!"

But what would the reformers have? Would they wish to witness a contest between two elevens who play a so-called English game, where the players wear their tennis suits and nothing is touched