

At the meeting of the delegates to this union last Saturday, the question, which has caused such a controversy in inter-collegiate athletic circles, of admitting as contestants all students in the regular courses, was raised during the drawing up of the constitution. A lively debate took place upon the subject. Haverford stood with the University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State College delegate, using his own judgment, joined them. The others were solidly in favor of admitting only men from the college departments. Very good arguments were brought up on both sides, and finally a compromise was made to the effect that only such students as had not previously taken a collegiate degree were eligible as contestants. This, of course, cuts out all graduate students, but it is fair on the face of it. This is a subject that is going to take a great part in inter-collegiate affairs in the immediate future, and it might be interesting to know just what the sentiment of the students here is in the matter.

Of course, we will send a man to this contest. Better send a man who stands no chance for the prize than not to be heard from at all. The representation of each college will be limited to a single contestant, and the sooner he is chosen the better. The method suggested at the meeting was to have contests between the literary societies and send the best man in these contests. What are the societies going to do in the matter?

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WE appeal to the friends of the LANCE, and especially to the alumni, to give us their continued support. We appeal upon the ground that if the FREE LANCE receives cordial support it can yet justify the hopes of its friends. A successful college paper is not made in a day, and must have *indulgent* support for a long time before it can emerge from the disadvantage of the necessarily frequent changes of staff, in fixed and solid form.

The LANCE still struggles under a heavy debt, but if it can have the support of its old friends, and

make a few new ones, as it is now paying for itself the debt can soon be removed, and then can commence the work of enlarging its several departments. The work of enlargement must, however, be deferred until our literary standards have been raised; and this cannot be done until we have a sufficient amount of matter to select from. At present the Literary department is compelled to print everything which it can get. Short articles, sketches of travel, social topics, scientific subjects, poems, ought to come from the students, alumni, and faculty, in such number as to make the duty of the literary editors one of selection. Up to the present time their position has been one of mendicancy poorly requited.

But henceforth, count on the FREE LANCE rain or shine, for the student body at least is alive to its needs and wants, and is determined to make it worthy of generous patronage.

Though nominally our connection with the LANCE ceases with this issue, we shall gladly give all the aid and encouragement which lies in our power to give, to our successors. May the FREE LANCE prosper, FREE LANCE in name, and by energy ability and chivalrous fearlessness, FREE LANCE in fact.

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IN the last LANCE we spoke of the sanitation of rooms—a subject too little considered. From observations made since, both inside and outside the college building, we feel that this subject may be again reverted to, though we do not wish to be understood as saying we have anywhere seen such great carelessness as would subject one to the cholera, or any sudden taking off.

But there is a famine in the land—a great fresh air hunger! Why cannot people learn to sweep out their rooms with fresh air every few hours? It takes 2080 cubic feet of air to support the respiration of one person one hour, and yet have the air remain sweet, clean, and fit to breathe. A brief calculation will show that a large number of