

to say it, there are many who refuse to take it, because forsooth, "all the news is stale, and there is nothing else interesting in it." It will be the realization of our fondest dreams, if we can do away with such complaining.

With this short preface, we commit the LANCE to the hands of its readers. We hope they will overlook the shortcomings of this our maiden attempt. We will profit by experience the next time and avoid them.

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WE must apologize for the lateness of the LANCE this month. Being the first issue of the new staff, the machinery is running a little rough yet. The chief cause, however, is the fact that vacation came in just at the time when the LANCE should have been sent to press, and we had to wait till it was over to collect the matter. Then too it is hard to get down into the rut again, and so, for one reason or another, the publication has been delayed a week. We will endeavor in the future to have it out in time.

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IT may not appear seemly to start begging here in our first issue, but we wish to say plainly that the LANCE is very much in need of subscribers and financial assistance in other ways. It is true that we have realized quite a handsome sum from our course of lectures, and we take this opportunity for thanking our many patrons for the interest they have shown and the assurance they have given us for renewed effort. But this sum is not near sufficient to pay off the load of debt which hangs over the LANCE. The revenue from subscriptions and advertisements is barely sufficient to pay the actual cost of printing.

If the Alumni and undergraduates wish us to get out a good publication, one that will be a credit to the college, they will have to give it much better support than they have heretofore. If, as several of the Alumni have complained, there is not enough alumni news let them bestir themselves and help us get such news. At the head of

these columns, they will see in every issue an urgent request for news and communications from the Alumni themselves.

But even if the Alumni do not patronize the LANCE as they should, there is no excuse for the undergraduates. We know of numbers of men in the lower classes and the preparatory department, especially the latter, who though fully able financially, absolutely refuse to subscribe. This condition of affairs should never exist. Every man ought to have at least sufficient patriotism to subscribe to his college paper. It is just as much an object for pride and loyalty as our football or track teams. In fact, it is almost more so. For to it and its brother, the college annual, does the intelligent man of the world turn to gauge the students of the institution. He is not apt to judge by our athletic victories, however brilliant, if he is sending a son here to get an education.

It is true that the new management promises to economize at every point and to try to reduce the expense as much as possible, but it needs assistance from the Alumni and a hearty co-operation from the students before any considerable improvement can be made.

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THE action of the University of Pennsylvania on the now famous Yale rule has been attracting a great deal of attention lately. She has evidently decided to take her stand firmly on the principles enunciated by her at the football meeting in New York. No matter whether we agree with her or not, we cannot help admiring her courage in standing out against such apparently great odds. She is willing to cut loose from all her old ties and associations rather than acknowledge that her position is wrong. It was no more than consistent that she should withdraw from the Pa. Intercollegiate Athletic Association when they passed over her head a similar amendment to the constitution, and when she followed the same course in the new Pa. Intercollegiate Oratorical Union because they embodied a clause in their