

IN another part of the LANCE, will be found a communication from an Alumnus on the subject of newspaper correspondents here at the college. Owing to the fact of its having just been received, we have not the time to make the comment which it deserves. It embodies several ideas, big with possibility, and it is our purpose to take up the suggestions in detail in our next issue and try to start the movement so that it will be in full working order by the beginning of next fall term. It is a lamentable fact that our representation in the large dailies is not what it should be or has been, and any scheme for its betterment and extension should be given our hearty consideration.

\* \* \*

THE FREE LANCE is essentially the students organ. It should voice the opinions, not of the editors merely, but of the whole student body and the alumni also, if they would be willing to give their views. It is also a FREE LANCE—a lance that may be called upon by any one in the cause of right and justice. If the students or the alumni have just cause for grievance, its pages are always open to them. In fact, they are asked to avail themselves of the privilege. Let us have discussion and plenty of it on topics of interest to the students. A little more discussion on measures taken by the students might do a great deal of good. Meanwhile, the new management will endeavor to keep the FREE LANCE, free in fact as well as in name and even ready to do its best to correct a wrong.

---

#### A SUGGESTION.

---

The recent false newspaper stories depicting in severe language the breaking up of a religious meeting by forty of State's students, probably attracted more attention, owing to wide diffusion as sensational matter and editorials called forth, than did the notable dedication of the Engineering hall. The act out of which the reports grew, while it was disgraceful, was far from originating

out of a spirit which had an utter disregard of religious worship.

However, the entire matter suggests forcibly an action made necessary at this stage of our college's advancement for the institutions good; we refer to the controlling and the dissemination of all college news by those actively associated with the college, thus giving to the public only such news as is legitimate and authentic. This would prevent the fabrication of reports injurious to the institution for the mere sake of a story, created by an over-anxious newsgatherer. The indiscreet actions of a few would not be given as a stigma upon the character of all students.

Each great daily should be provided with a correspondent known to those in control of the institution, so that the writer may be held accountable and in order that improvements real and contemplated in each department may be made known through the press. Even if some papers will take little or no correspondence send what they will take carefully written, and the college will grow in their particular favor and thence in that of their readers. All papers will accept the *essence* of news at all times.

Particularly the State papers should be furnished with copy. Each student comes from a town or county having its papers and each student should personally see that their local papers get items of real news concerning his *alma mater*. Even if two or more students send to the same paper identical items, better than none, as it will impress the editor with its importance and at least elicit interest and respect for the institution which creates such pride in its students.

How shall we place in active operation the suggestions made? Probably, a newspaper board elected by the body of the students including the present correspondents would be the thing. Probably, a "press club," of voluntary membership would be superior. The duty of either of these bodies being to see that each paper which should receive news receives it. To accomplish anything of value implies labor and that which has