

tion, and how she is gradually forging her way to an equality with some of the best institutions of the country in athletics, brains, and equipment.

Another strong reason for a better distribution of news from this place is the prevention and correction of such malicious stories as the highly colored and exaggerated account of the visit of some of our boys to Pine Grove last winter that went the rounds of the press. Such falsification and distortion of facts should never have gone unrebuked; but as usual, what was everybody's business was nobody's business, and nothing was done. What prejudice still remains against the college is all the more bitter because of its success, and such stories are used as effective weapons against the good name of the institution.

Probably the best suggestion made by this article is the formation of a Press Club. Attempts have already been made to form such an organization, but with very discouraging success. The most successful so far was a merely temporary organization, whose object was to secure due notice and description of the dedication of the new Engineering building. It did a great deal of good work and might have accomplished much more had it been a fully organized standing body, conversant with means and methods as a permanent Press Club should be. Having served its purpose it dissolved.

The reason for the failure of the others was partially from apathy among the students and partially because there was no solid permanent nucleus around which they could crystallize. Its originator was generally one of the faculty, and he had to be the life, backbone, and hardest worker of the whole organization. Naturally he could not spare the time, and the club would die a peaceful death. If on the other hand, the LANCE had been the leader, its editors the nucleus, and the whole movement identified with it, we might have a thriving Press Club today, doing its members good, helping the LANCE, and above all benefiting our college.

This is just what the LANCE proposes to do. To

attempt the formation of a club any more this year is out of the question, but when the college opens in September, it will organize a club. All students who wish will be invited to join. A permanent, working organization will be effected, and probably a constitution and by laws drawn up. Plans and systems will be discussed and one or more adopted for the gathering and dispensing of information. The faculty will probably be asked to use a measure of supervision over the news sent out. Above all, methods and means will be studied, and celerity of reporting the news will be made a prime factor.

Such an organization can do an immense amount of good. Such blunders for instance as the failure of our Bucknell game last fall to appear in the papers till two days after it had occurred, and then only with the briefest notice could easily be obviated, while harmful reports, if untrue or exaggerated, could be contradicted and the truth of the matter told. May we have a Press Club?

* * *

THE '94 La Vie is now in press and will probably be out about the first of June. It promises to equal, if not surpass, in literary value any previous issue, while in artistic worth and general appearance, it will go far beyond those of other years. The members of the staff have spared no pains to make it a success, and their efforts have been ably seconded by other members of the class. It will be a volume that any student may be proud of and will easily rank among the best annuals of the year.

* * *

THE first handicap meeting for this year's cups showed a very encouraging outlook in athletics. The records broken and general excellence of performance are very good signs of progress, but we can not help giving the students another dig on the matter. Next to the records broken, the most noticeable feature was the small number of entries. Almost every contestant was sure of a place, so few were his opponents. It is