

a pity that such should be the case. There are numbers of men fully able to win points at any of these meets who have not the vim or the ambition to go in and train. Don't hold back because you are a green man or a novice. That is just what the system of handicapping is for—to give encouragement and better chances to the poorer performers. The LANCE again appeals to you for your own interest and for the sake of the college come out and try.

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OHIO has passed a law making hazing a punishable offense. This is a step in the right direction especially if the reports of the fun (?) indulged in by Ohio collegians are true. The institution from which the worst stories proceed is probably Ohio Wesleyan, at Delaware, Ohio. The barbarisms seem not to be confined to hazing merely but crop out in society rivalries. The latest tale has it that a Sophomore society broke in on the initiation of a Junior society and binding and gagging the participants, tattooed their faces with silver nitrate in such a manner that though good looking young men they may bear the scars for life. Words are not strong enough to condemn such actions. Savages could hardly have thought of a more malicious trick. We can only hope that the stories are of the same Arabian Nights order, as the newspaper reports of the visit of some of our boys to Pine Grove singing school during the winter. If the facts bear out the reports, we can only hope that the intelligent, stable student body of the college will repudiate the act and that the law will not deal lightly with the miscreants who performed it. Barbarism is barbarism no matter if the perpetrators are college men.

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THE World's Fair is open at last. President Cleveland, with the touch of an electric button, set the great heart throbbing, and breathed life into the yet incomplete but glorious triumph of American art and genius. The exquis-

ite beauty, and appalling grandeur of the White City will ever remain brilliant memories in the minds of the millions who will see them this summer. If there is any possibility of one's getting there, he is doing himself an injustice in not going. It will be the spectacle of a lifetime. A few weeks spent there will be an education in itself and the LANCE will be sorry if every one of its readers is not able to obtain at least a glimpse of the fair. It hopes to greet its readers there as it rests in its place among the other exhibits of the college.

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BEGGING is at best a disagreeable occupation, but we can not refrain from asking those whose subscriptions are still unpaid, to pay up as soon as possible. Next month will be our last issue for the present college year, and yet there is something like \$100,00 in unpaid subscriptions standing on the books. The LANCE is in debt, and such delinquency prevents us from gradually reducing this burden if in fact it does not increase it. If the students wish to have a paper that amounts to anything, one that will be a credit to the college, they must turn in and support it loyally. The staff alone can not keep it up.

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THERE has been agitation from some sources to have the LANCE made more of a literary publication. The idea is praiseworthy, but it might be well to call the attention of its advocates to a few points against such a change. The object of the LANCE is to be the student's organ. It never was intended for a literary magazine like the *Nassau Lit* and other well known publications from which no doubt the idea has been borrowed. Its function is to act at once as a newspaper and a review. The personals are just as much of a necessary part of it as the editorials, while the locals are probably its most important part. Not only are the undergraduates to be catered to, but it forms a link between the Alumni and their Alma Mater giving all the news of the college and telling them what the other Alumni are doing in its personal