

the publication of the Alumni Record every five years and will, in the very near future, be devoted to the maintenance of scholarships for worthy students. The Alumni Record is not, as the writer of the letter claimed, a mere repetition of the matter pertaining to the alumni which is published in the annual catalogue. It is far more than that; it gives a complete outline of the entire life of each and every alumnus of the institution, which cannot be found elsewhere.

An entirely unwarranted attack is next made by the writer upon the attitude of the professors towards the College and the alumni. He claims that they do not, through the *FREE LANCE* or other means, keep the alumni informed of the various happenings in their respective departments, and that they do not take a sufficient interest in the College to occasionally write articles on technical subjects for publication in the *FREE LANCE*. The *FREE LANCE* *does* keep the alumni informed of all "progress in the various departments, the number of students taking the various courses, a brief description of any new apparatus, trips made to points of interest, etc.," in brief, to be sure, but we make it a specialty to omit nothing that can in any way prove of interest to the alumni. In the annual report of the College can each year be found a more complete description of such matters. The *FREE LANCE* is itself responsible for the fact that technical articles written by the professors seldom appear in it. The *FREE LANCE* was originally constituted to be published and still is published "by the students of The Pennsylvania State College," and judging from the statements which we have received during the past few years, both verbal and written, from alumni as well as professors and students, and time and again through the exchange columns of our contemporaries, we feel that we have no reason to be ashamed of it as a student publication. A student publication it is, and when, if such a time should ever come, the students will be compelled habitually to resort to persons other than themselves and occasionally to the alumni for material for publication, it will be high time for the *LANCE* to retire upon its past reputation and to disappear entirely from the field of College journalism. We agree with the writer, nevertheless, in regard to one phase of the matter as stated by him—that the professors should at times send communications to the technical papers to be published in