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WE are glad to note the appoint-
ment, by Governor Beaver, of
our worthy President as a member of a
committee to inquire into the progress
of industrial education throughout this
State. A better man could not have
been selected. On the subjects of in-
dustrial education and scientific agri-
culture he has but few peers, and what
is more, he is a man of unbounded en-
ergy, extensive knowledge and excel-
lent diction. We have no doubt but
that he will be well stored with useful
information for the benefit of the next
Legislature to convene at Harrisburg.

WE would have it understood that
the criticisms which appear in
the columns of THE FREE LANCE con-
cerning our *alma mater* emanate wholly
from a spirit of good will. When we
criticize it is not to antagonize but to
promote her best interests. If, in hew-
ing to the line the chips fall on "tender
spots," it is not our fault. We are in a
better position to learn the sentiments
of the students than the faculty, and in
voicing these sentiments, we think the
faculty, and trustees as well, should re-
cognize a service of no little importance.
Dissatisfaction among students means
small graduating classes, and small
graduating classes mean retrogression,
for the success of a college is largely
determined by her graduates.

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THE efforts of Bucknell University
to obtain a signal service station
are worthy of emulation by this institu-
tion. We would commend the matter
to the consideration of the Board of
Trustees. Such a station would be of
immense service to our college, as it
would necessitate the construction of a
telegraph line, by means of which we
would be brought in direct communica-
tion with Washington. The favorable
location of this college for signal service
work will undoubtedly make the estab-