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THE LANCE desires to speak a word in reference to the college literary entertainments. Though this is a matter for which we hold ourselves partly responsible, yet, on the other hand, we do not assume its direct and entire responsibility. Why do we not during these long winter months have more public literary exercises? We should this winter have had a course of several such performances. Our village is certainly of sufficient size and our number of students large enough to support at proper intervals entertainments of this character. The LANCE has already secured two or three lecturers at different times. Why cannot some of the other

college organizations aid in this movement, either separately or conjointly, which, if managed rightly will not only result in diversion and benefit, but also pecuniary profit? The college authorities also, have doubtless some influence which could be profitably employed in securing for us for such entertainments men of State and even National reputation at diminished expense. We should not allow another winter to pass without having at least attempted to arrange some systematic literary course of lectures and entertainments. Such a course would prove beneficial in the highest degree, and its good results would be seen not only in the greater contentment manifested, but by a marked improvement along the lines of thought and study among the students.

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THE action of the Freshman class, in putting their flag on the armory tower on a Saturday night not long since, was one of the most despicable pieces of class business that has been done at our college for many years. There can be no excuse offered for their work as they knew full well that the first glimpse of their colors by the Sophomores would be the signal for a class fight, and coming as it did, on Sunday morning, immediately after all had participated in the usual devotional exercises it seems to indicate that the Freshman class, though stronger in numbers than the Sophomore, acknowledge their physical weakness by trying to float their colors under the protection of the Sabbath day. While we