

EDITORIALS.

WE print below part of a letter received lately, thinking it may interest our Alumni readers and those who are soon to become such:

To the Editor of THE FREE LANCE.

Dear Sir: We invite your attention to a literary enterprise which we think may interest you and all men of State College, connected at present or in the recent past with undergraduate literature. George S. Hellman and William Aspenwall Bradley, members of '99 (College) of Columbia University, recently editors-in-chief of "The Columbia Literary Monthly" and of "The Morningside," respectively, intend starting, next autumn, a magazine to be called "East and West."

It is the wish of the Editors to make "East and West" a gate through which college men may enter the field of literature. Our experience at Columbia, and a careful examination of the undergraduate publications throughout the country, have led us to believe that a large amount of work meriting the attention of the general reading public, is being done by college men. Though we recognize that eventually the best writers will, in any case, receive the hearing that they deserve, it is nevertheless our belief that such recognition is slow to come, and that the difficulty and delay in obtaining it, keep the majority of men from continuing their writing after they leave college. We hope, therefore, to afford that impetus and stimulus to the pursuit of literature by young graduates, which is at present lacking.

Again, it is a generally recognized fact that in nearly all our periodicals, pure literature is receiving less space and attention, because of the journalistic and pictorial tendency now so conspicuous. The magazines are filled largely with articles of a reportorial nature, with pictures, and with the work of political and scientific specialists. Verse occupies for the most part, in magazines that print poetry at all, the subordinate and unworthy place of stop-gap, and the fiction is not infrequently recommended rather by the name of the author than by any real merit it may possess. Although we appreciate the fact that the modern maga-