

nant element in each issue, and news was regarded as of secondary importance. The present management hold, that to this factor, we can attribute the main cause for the decline in appreciation of its value, by the student body. Ninetenths of our students are engaged in technical work. Can we expect the other tenth to maintain a literary magazine whose standard can compare with the "Lits" of classical or non-technical institutions? No, certainly not. It is true that we have literary ability lying dormant in our midst, and that some high-class work has been produced by our technical brothers, but there is not enough to keep the magazine in a flourishing condition. And the reason is very evident. Go to their rooms and what do we find? A library filled with scientific books—you will find very little standard literature, and we cannot expect to have it. To produce a high class literary article requires extensive reading of general literature; and requires a thorough training in English, and many other qualities that the scientific man does not have the privilege of obtaining.

Our policy is to leave more to the news department, and to lessen the amount of pure literary matter. In so doing, we shall have more opportunity to select better class literature to fill the literary department and thus be able to compare more favorably with the standard monthlies of our sister institutions. Our aim is to cater to the wants of all. The Alumni department will be strengthened, so that the LANCE shall be a more welcome visitor among our graduates and voice the interests of them as well as our own.

Whatever success we shall have in our new departure, we leave it to you to decide. Any criticism that you may find, be free to make it known, for we are not using the LANCE as a mouthpiece of our own, but endeavor to be the exponent of the student body.