

LANCE shall be able to continually raise its standard and enjoy a future of prosperity.



ALTHOUGH the time for holding our intercollegiate debate with Franklin and Marshall College is three months hence, it is hoped that those who are interested in these debates and in the welfare of the College will enter the preliminary work immediately. To win a debate means hard and serious work, and when the nature of the two colleges is considered, it becomes manifest that if we are to win, some hard work must be done. Our teams in the past years, while meeting some defeats, have showed themselves to be worthy opponents of our rival colleges, and no doubt with a little more effort we shall soon occupy a higher place in this kind of work.

In reference to the training of our team there should be more help by the student body. When the football or baseball teams are practicing, every man is urged to come out and encourage the team by his presence at least. More than this, they have good scrub teams to battle against, which show their own weak points. But how about our own debating team? A few men who recognize the value of such training and are serious in their work, offer themselves to maintain the reputation of the College. With untiring efforts and many sacrifices they prepare their work and go forward to meet their antagonists. If they suffer defeat, the blame is in many cases put on the team. Now, it seems that a warmer and a more healthful attitude should be taken toward our debating team. The athletic teams cry for more loyalty and enthusiasm to their work and they justly deserve it; but the same should apply to the debating organization. There should be at least one good second team, if not a few more. A question cannot be thoroughly mastered unless both sides are developed simultaneously,