

EDITORIAL.

It may seem an unusual thing to publish a banquet toast in the columns of the LANCE. However that may be, we thought that the one appearing among the preceding pages contained a line of facts and theories which many State men might find valuable. All persons receiving "knocks" in the aforesaid article will have to seek satisfaction from ye editor, for which purpose he can be found in the FREE LANCE room from 2:30 to 3:30 all afternoons in the week of January 1st.

It is not the duty of the editorial staff of a college magazine to write up the literary matter of the said publication. We do not know whether most of the student body are under the impression that it is or is not, but results of soliciting literary matter would seem to indicate it. The LANCE is primarily, and was founded with the intent of its being, the exponent of the literary side of college life, and as a representative of the student body of the college. In the nature of the case it is almost entirely dependent upon contributions from the student body for its literary matter. If the slim support it has secured from this quarter during the present term continues either the LANCE must in the future consist of literary matter written under high pressure and during odd moments by the editorial staff, or it must degenerate into a mere news sheet. Although we always have, and always shall, endeavor to keep the news feature of the publication up to its usual standard, yet we think that everyone must admit that a college of the size and importance of ours ought to be represented by a literary magazine of some sort. It lies with the student body to provide us with the necessary literary matter to do this. Let those members of the Freshman class who have literary tendencies respond with a few contributions. During the present fall term we have only been able to secure the definite promise of *two* contributions, and this after personally soliciting literary matter from