

# THE FREE LANCE.

*"His good blade carves the casques of men, for the Free Lance thrusteth sure."*

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## THE F. AND M.-STATE DEBATE.

The debate on Friday evening, December 11th, in the auditorium, between State and Franklin and Marshall was the first affair of that kind that has occurred at this college in the last four years. It was one of the best, if not the best debate which has ever taken place here, and the students, faculty and townpeople showed their interest and appreciation by turning out in large numbers. Of course, it was unfortunate that State was defeated, but her men have the satisfaction of having put up a first-class article of debate. It was one of the semi-final debates in the Inter-Collegiate Debating League of Pennsylvania, composed of Swarthmore, Dickinson, F. and M., and State. The defeat of Swarthmore and State will leave Dickinson and F. and M. to fight it out next April.

Franklin and Marshall were most ably represented by Martin W. Witmer, Paul B. Rupp and Amos Kraybill, with John A. Schaeffer as alternate, all Seniors. State's team was composed of Alex. Hart, Jr., '05; Oscar C. Hayes, '06, and Walter U. Williams, '07, with Park W. Haverstick, '07, as alternate.

The question for debate was, "Resolved, That labor unions tend to injure the industrial welfare of the country." State upheld the affirmative. It was on a subject that is of timely interest, and about which every man ought to be well informed, hence all the arguments of the various speakers were very closely followed by the large audience.