



As a distinct organization, the Current Topics Club came into being during the first quarter of the school year 1902-03. The successor of a little known and practically inactive society, it was given impetus, energy, and ambition by the notable interest in debating which has marked the past year at Lewis. To say that this alone accounts for the growth of the society would be but to draw a hasty conclusion. Nevertheless, it must be admitted that the effect of this interest upon the club was immediate and efficient. Beginning the year with but ten members, within one quarter its numbers increased to twenty-five, and the total membership now stands at the creditable figure of thirty-seven.

The name of the club indicates the material with which it works; its object is the cultivation of ability to speak in public, both extemporaneously and from preparation. It has the secondary aim of arousing interest in the chief events of daily occurrence. This past year, the first of its existence, has been an honorable one to the Current Topics Club. There have been but two debates before the Allen C. Lewis Society in which C. T. C. men have not participated, thirteen men having represented the club in this way.