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Representing A. S. A. in the Inter-Academic Debating League
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The Academy Debating Team is annually selected from among the number of candidates who appear at the trial debate. This year, when the date set for this had arrived, there were but *two* men who presented themselves to try for the team. Thus the date of the try-out was postponed. Even at this deferred date, the showing was worse, and an open discussion of the question was resorted to, the audience partaking.

In spite of this general lack of enthusiasm, three men—A. O. Spierling, G. H. Steuer and P. P. Brinkman—with L. A. Heyn as alternate, were selected to represent the Academy in the Inter-Academic League Debates. The first of these came on January 12, 1906, at Evanston. The question to be debated was "Resolved: That, in trial by jury, an agreement of three-fourths should be sufficient to render a verdict." Armour had the affirmative, Northwestern the negative. Our team had good speeches worked up on the subject but lacked in the power to deliver them forcibly. The judges were Dr. George, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary; Mr. Schobinger, Principal of the Harvard School; and Dr. John Balcom Shaw, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Their decision was unanimous in favor of the Negative.

Both Dr. Scherger and Professor Colledge take an active interest in Academy debating, and to them much credit is due for their kind assistance. Yet, if Armour Academy is to win another debating championship, as it did in 1903, there must be some *real* interest shown by the Academy students at large.