

five or seven teams in the country which can at present win from us. These are Yale, Harvard, Princeton, U. of P., and Cornell; but neither Wesleyan, nor University of Michigan, is to be included. Stanford University gives us no opportunity of course, for a comparison with eastern play.

As the foot ball position has of late years become a kind of index to College standing for various, and somewhat obvious reasons, it is seen that the students of this College have pushed her colors far beyond the most roseate expectations, as the State College is by no means eighth, or even tenth in rank.

Various causes for our success might be adduced, but behind them would of course shine out determination, pluck and muscle, backed by good judgment and practice.

If we are to hold this position it will no doubt be by practice upon the lines laid down by older colleges. They may be summed up in three words, —*intelligent, concerted action.*

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THE evident unfairness of the account of the Bucknell-State College game as given by the *Lewisburg Chronicle*, of Nov. 19, is only exceeded by its untruthfulness, and we do not notice it because there is not a moments thought that it was inspired by any student or friend of Bucknell, but because such scribblers need to know that "chewing the rag" (probably because professional betting proved an uncertain means of sustenance) is despised by all manly men here and every where. To further notice its silly palaver about brutality, sluggers, and a padded team would be both useless and uncalled for.

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WITHIN the past few years the organization of several chess clubs has been effected at P. S. C., but they have as a rule been very harmless affairs, whose ephemeral day was however, sufficiently long to allow their members to have their names handed down to posterity upon

the pages of the College Annual. This ought not so to be. There is at present a large chess playing ability to be found among both students and faculty, which will greatly augment upon organization. And, too, more time is undoubtedly lost in irregular playing than would be consumed by the scheduled games of a club.

This grandest of all games should have its partisans here. Let us have a chess club this winter that has teeth, and can bite!

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THE fire on the roof of the north wing of the main building, Nov. 2nd, so quickly discovered and put out, demonstrated the necessity for the formation of a trained fire-brigade at P. S. C. Although two hundred students were quickly on hand ready to do anything in their power, it was evident that effective and concerted action was lacking, and that had the fire been well under way, the *zoc* would not have accomplished as much as twenty, or even ten, previously trained and instructed men.

Why would not the formation of a hook and ladder company fall within the scope of athletics? It will be sadly wanted down in the village some of these days. Or why would not the Board of Trustees provide an outfit for such a company?

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P! P! P. S. C. has a signally successful rainbow painter in Mr. Silliman, who while at work in the laboratory Wednesday afternoon told us how it fared with the boys in Wilkesbare. Quoth Mr. Silliman: "they have now begun the second half, and the score stands 12 to 0 for P. S. C." He painted the rainbows and our glorious old team brought them all home!

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IT is to be hoped that the fiend who perpetrated the butyric acid outrage will be captured and brought to justice. His malodorous deed calls for punishment. He should be dieted on stale cider, stale bread, and rancid butter.