

thorough training he will give them must gain the coveted prize. When we think of our record last year;—how five of our men went down to Swarthmore and captured five firsts and a third, one of them being disqualified and thus deprived of his points although he won the event; when we compare this showing with that of the other colleges and think of what might have been, had not our best man who was sure of two firsts and two new state records fallen sick just a few days before, those who were there and saw our boys working so nobly cannot help feeling that the cup was almost within our grasp, and that it should be ours this coming spring.

It is possible that the meeting will be held here. It is certain not to be held at Swarthmore, and the two next best places are Dickinson and here. Our grounds are in every way superior while we can raise fully as large an audience as Carlisle. The principle argument urged for having the meeting at Swarthmore last Spring was its close proximity to Philadelphia, affording a large audience, but the large audience that did assemble was barely half as large as the one that last November witnessed our boys down Bucknell on Beaver field.

If the sports should come here, we could, as Swarthmore did, run in thirty or forty men and win almost by sheer force of numbers. But we must not depend on this, and our every effort should be bent to making a team that can go down to Dickinson and hold its own against both Swarthmore and the Western University, where the chances for all three of us are equal.

This will take steady work and lots of it, but the end will amply repay it. In football this year, we bid fair to stand second to none in the state but the U. of Penn. Why shall we not also stand there in general athletics? Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and try.

One of the most important and necessary things for any college team to possess is the unanimous, deep rooted, and whole souled interest and en-

couragement of the student body. One of the great reasons why our football teams are so successful is that the whole will-force and tense, expectant, nervous energy of the college goes out to them and seems by some occult means to reach them and add new strength and new determination. The whole mass of students is possessed of an intense interest, enthusiasm, and patriotic love for the men who battle for our Alma Mater. Such is the feeling we should arouse for general athletics this year. The boys should throw their whole heart and soul into the work and then, when the time comes next May, stand ready to welcome the victorious team home as they did when we held the University down so closely in football.

Four of last May's five—the four who took the five firsts are still here at college, while the sixth whose going was prevented by illness and a dozen more men of recognized ability are still with us. The incoming class is an unknown field, but from its appearance it should yield fine material. Why then can't we start in early and work up the necessary enthusiasm? Let's have some athletic mass meetings and broach the subject so that by the beginning of next term the movement will be well under way. Let's stir up such interest that the midwinter sports will be the most successful ever held both in numbers and in records. Don't lose sight of the fact either that all points made at that event count on the inter-class cup. If we wish to do ourselves justice, we must win that cup, and the only way to do it is to start the ball a rolling in the immediate future.

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NOW is the time to drop old customs and associations and establish new ideas and new movements. The new men, eager to take part heart and soul in any college life, should not be permitted to become accustomed to the non-existence of a glee club or a banjo club. They should not be allowed to believe that the literary societies were languishing, and above all they should not be laughed at for evincing enthusiasm