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NEW year's day has come and gone with its good cheer, its fashionable calls, and especially its good resolutions. Speaking of these resolutions, how many are going to survive the year? Not many we fear. Yet there is one resolution that should have been made which we hope will not come to grief. It should take root in the hearts of the students of this College in such a way that nothing could disturb it.

In the inmost heart of every man in this institution, there should be a firm, steadfast, determined resolve that the State Inter-collegiate Athletic Cup should rest among our Centre county mountains before another year has flown by.

We have our great opportunity this year. Are we going to avail ourselves of it? It rests with the mass of the student body to decide. If we have the best interests of our College at heart, if we mean to do ourselves justice, and if we appreciate what athletics have done for "Old State," we will win that cup this coming Spring. This is not boasting, it is mere statement of fact. Right here among us we have the material, plenty of it, and all that is needed is training to mould and shape it into a winning team. The best sort of training is available under the hands of Prof. Hoskins, and the question is "Are we going to go in and train to win?"

If we are, now is the time to begin. Right off before any more time is lost we should have a big, rousing athletic meeting. Then let the most persuasive talkers and influential men in athletics get up and waken the students from their lethargy. Stir up enthusiasm and get everybody full of the idea, and then make an appeal that everyone personally come out and see what he is good for. If we can only get the student body worked up and enthused, the thing is bound to go.

We must get the idea out of their heads that because some one else is a little better than they, there is no room for them. There is room for everybody that has energy and spirit enough to try. If you are not able to win a "first," you may at least pick up some minor points, and every little helps. Where Swarthmore obtained a large part of her advantage last Spring, was in these odds and ends, seconds and thirds.

Even if you do not make the team, you will