

other measures are adopted. The present staff with the aid of the many friends of the LANCE intend to issue the paper regularly and promptly during its year of management, with the exception of this, the first issue, which was sent to press immediately after the old staff had given it into our care. Before that we were unable to go ahead and do anything.

As to the literary work we will make no promise, except one of honest endeavor, and with the help of our contributors and subscribers we will fulfill the promise and leave the result open to your judgment.

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NOW that our base ball season has actually opened a better opinion can be formed of the team than home practice afforded. Of the two games played and lost on the trip, one should have been ours.

From the University we did not expect to win, but there is no reason why we should not have this year, as we had in past years, a team superior to that of Dickinson.

We undoubtedly have the material for such a team, and the result of the Dickinson game must either arise from a lack of practice, which hardly seems credible, or the failure of the men to keep in proper shape for the game.

That the team can play at present was fully shown in the game with Altoona, where barring a few infield errors, they played gilt edged ball, and now that the team has demonstrated that they have sufficient ability, is the management willing to sacrifice our chances by condoning any departure from training rules. The influence of one man exerted in the wrong direction, will injure the condition of the whole team, and it should be the business of those in charge to counteract and remove such influence.

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THAT pitiful wail, "Oh what's the use to train, you don't know whether the sports are coming here or not," can now be heard

no longer. It has been definitely decided that the Inter-collegiate Athletic Contest shall be held here on State's grounds. The question this meeting decides is an important one. It is simply this. Are we willing, outside of U. of P., to acknowledge a superior in track athletics? We will admit of none in base ball or foot ball, so why admit of any? We need allow none, and every man should respond "We won't!" Every advantage that Swarthmore had last year is ours this year, so there is really no reason why the cup should not repose beside our foot ball pennant; an honor for P.S. C. won by the energetic efforts of her sons.

Every man should contribute his share toward securing this prize. If among our two hundred and fifty students, there is a single one who has athletic ability, and who is not developing it by systematic training, then that student is undeserving to be called a "college man." He is doing both himself and his college an injury. A wrong to himself in that he is not making use of his talents, and an injustice to the college in that he is not exerting all his energies in her behalf. Quite a number have turned out, and are training faithfully, but it is not right that a few should bear the brunt of the work. It is not fair that the duty, for it is a duty, of winning the cup should devolve upon a few. Some say that it is too hard work to train, and others give no other excuse than that of indolence. But will not all who take part in this contest feel fully repaid when the cup rests within our walls, as it will surely do, if we give general athletics the attention they deserve.

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THE work of the Young Men's Christian Association in American educational institutions has increased so rapidly within the last few years as to form a separate department. Among the students and alumni of these institutions may be found the most enthusiastic advocates of this organization. They speak with pride of the good accomplished by the Y. M. C. A.