

years our small town will not be capable of holding our commencement visitors. But all things increase in ratio, and in that time, State College will not be found wanting.

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THE result of the State Inter collegiate contests on Beaver Field, May nineteenth, was disappointing to State College students and supporter. The blame, however, is not to be attached to her team. Her men proved themselves to be good athletes and plucky fellows. State's team has always been made up of winning men, the great drawback being its comparatively small size. Such was the case on May 19th. The weakness was not in the men themselves but in their scarcity. The winning team was much larger than State's and was composed of men determined if possible to retain their claim of being the best athletes of the State of Pennsylvania. Swarthmore's men exhibited that pluck and energy that distinguish them upon the foot ball field. Their college is composed largely of girls and the team works for the honor of their college and the smiles of their sweethearts. The best athlete, the most favored of the fair sex.

However disappointing our failure may be, it does not say that the task is impossible. A little perseverance and the cup may yet rest within our walls. Some may say that this is a rash assertion, but look at the meetings of the last two years: meeting of '93, State lacking only one point of having as many as the college that took second, and this with four men; meeting of '94, State second and twenty-three points to spare. With such records two years will see the highest number of points credited to State College.

Many comments were made upon the sentiment that enabled men to race under such unfavorable conditions. "I don't see why the boys are willing to race in this rain," was often heard. But every college man present could

understand that it was the patriotic love for their college that enabled them to do it.

It is the same feeling that calls for renewed effort on the foot ball field, or that stirs the heart of the pitcher when he knows that he has to retire his opponent's best batters in one, two, three order to win the game. A man's love for his college would lighten his feet on the heaviest track, and heal the severest wounds received when battling for her honor. Such is the college spirit of to-day, and may it never cease to stir the hearts of all college men.

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THE inferior entertainment on the evening of the ninth inst. brings forcibly before the student body the condition of the literary societies, and shows how important it is that they should be maintained. Our college, aiming as it does to give a good technical education, permits of little time for literary work. It is none the less important, however, and it is the duty of every student to take advantage of all opportunities presented. The authorities recommend every student to become a member of either of the societies, and seem to depend upon them as giving training not obtained in the class room or outside of the society halls. It is not needful to dwell in detail upon the benefits derived from addressing an audience of sympathizing yet criticising fellow students. The advantages of public speaking are too numerous and apparent to need more than the mention. Every student and society member should determine before another year has passed, to see the societies once again in a flourishing condition. Only a few years ago their meetings were a credit to the students and their institution. The meetings now when held are little better than a farce. They are not worthy to be called literary and offer no inducements to visitors or to future members.

Why this change for the worse? What has caused this degeneration? Are not the students