Foot ball enthusiasm has been temporarily supplanted by that for base ball and the practice games are well attended. The chances for a strong team seem to be good at this writing, but in actual test with rival teams is the only reliable comparison.

The '95 Spring Assembly, held in the College Armory, April 19, was one of the most enjoyable of the these popular gatherings. Being of a military order, several very handsome uniforms were noticed, the U. S. Army and Navy and the Governor's staff being represented, as well as the regulation undress of the State College cadet. The music from Stopper and Fisk was, as usual, of the finest variety. The gowns were both handsome and stylish, but further than that our words cannot do them justice.

BASE BALL.

The opening game of the base-ball season was played with Dickinson College at Carlisle. The game was tightly contested and won by Dickinson through the purest chance. The main feature of the game was the fine fielding of Thomas.

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On the following day, April 13th, State played Gettysburg at Gettysburg. The following account of the game is taken from the Gettysburg Mercury.

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According to what seems to have become an established custom, in all contests with our friends from State, we lost. In this instance, at any rate, it must have been force of habit, for it was by the purest chance that we did not win by 5-3.

This was the score when State came to the bat to close the ninth inning. The first two men were easily disposed of. Then came a man by the hoodoo name of Walker, who rapped an easy fly to left field. It was well for him and his team that he hit that ball as he did; for if it had gone back to the cinder path, or over to the observatory, or anywhere that our brilliant left fielder might have made a hundred-yards dash for it, that game would have ended suddenly and the college bell would be ringing yet. As it was, however, the fly was so easy and sure that a most rare thing happened—the left fielder muffed a ball. After that three hits were made, and the game was won by the visitors.

The playing of both teams was of a very high order. The batteries did especially good work and the general all-round fielding was most excellent.

Particular mention might be made of the outfield work of Brown. In the in-field, Thomas and Rice, for State, and Keefer and Gilbert, for Gettysburg, excelled.

Considering that it was the first game of the season for us, we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the result. The college has material for a very strong team, and we may yet hope that "fortune will smile upon us" more pleasantly in our future games and, particularly, in the one with State.

The score and summary follow:

STATE COLLEGE.				GETTYSRURG.						
	111,						13).			Fi.
Stuart, 2b2										1
Rice, B. S	8	2	1	1	Sheely, 1b	0	2	7	1	0
Walker, 8b & p1	2	()	1	()	Keefer, 3b	0	1	1	4	0
Greenland, If0	0	3	0	1	Tate, c	0	0	6	1	1
Hays, c0	1	8	()	()	Richardson, et	ı	0	3	0	()
Nesbit, p1	0	0	1	0	Stimmel, p	1	0	3	0	0
Painter, 1b & 3b 0	0	8	0	0	Gilbert, 2b	2	2	6	1	1
Thomas, cf & 1b1	1	0	0	0	Eckles, s. s	1	1	0	2	0
Brown, rf0	0	3	0	U	Hartzell, rf	0	1.	0	0	()
Eisenberg, cf0	1	()	0	O	Smith, rf	0	0	1	()	0
Totals 6			G			5	7 2			

*Two men out when winning run was made.

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—State, 1; Gettysburg, 2. Two-base hit—Walker. Three-base hit—Sheely. Bases stolen—Stuart, Sheely. Keefer. Bases on called balls—Gettysburg, 1. Hit by pitched ball—Walker, Hays, Sheely. Struck out—By Nesbit, 2; by Walker, 6; by Stimmel, 6. Passed balls—Tate, 1. Time of game—1 hour 45 minutes. Umpire—Kuendig, Gettysburg.

The third game of the season was played with the crack Demorest team on Beaver field April 17th. State won by a close score, Demorest near