

## ATHLETICS.

The outlook for a good year in athletics at State is very favorable. While a number of experienced men have been lost from the foot ball ranks through graduation from college, yet their places have been filled by new material of no inferior quality. Indeed, the new material has far exceeded expectations.

Only two men of last season's successful base ball team—Captain Shelby and Warn—have not returned to College. It is reported that Captain Shelby will return after Christmas. With such a large proportion of experienced players back in College, there would seem to be no reason why State should not stand high this year in the college base ball world, and excel the good record made last season.

Of the four track men—Martin, Mott, Miles and Cummings—who won the relay race at Philadelphia last year, only the first named has left college. Barnes, Whitworth, Norris and O'Neil, other fast track men, are again at College and will doubtless appear on the track in the spring.

In basket ball State has very likely been weakened by the loss of some old players. Although at least two men have entered College this semester who are reputed to be fast basket ball players, still the places left vacant by the loss of such tried and experienced players as Ruble, Elder, McCleary, Stuart and Gephart will necessarily be hard to fill, and it is hardly probable that last year's phenomenal record of one hundred, eighty-nine points against opponents forty-two will be improved upon.

On the whole, however, State may well be congratulated on her athletic prospects. True, it is yet early in the day to speculate, and things unforeseen may arise between now and next June, but considering the number of old athletes who have returned to College, the satisfactory showing made by new men on the foot ball field thus far, and the fact that