

there is in College a class of about two hundred Freshmen, which with the help of our competent trainer, Golden, should develop something creditable in the athletic line, State followers are justified in hoping for the best of results in athletics.

FOOTBALL.

Football seems to be more popular at State this year than ever before. At least, more men seem to be desirous of engaging in this vigorous recreation than formerly. Probably forty men have been repairing to the gridiron every afternoon for practice. This large squad has been divided into three parts,—the Varsity and two scrub teams. Besides the customary line-ups between the Varsity and two scrubs, games between the two scrub teams have been features of the football practice. This is undoubtedly a good thing for developing new material. A new man is thus given an opportunity of learning the game by bucking against men more nearly of his own weight, strength, and experience than is the case when there is but one scrub team. In the latter case a new man is pitted almost at once against Varsity men. While the new man eventually learns his lesson, the work is doubtless as much too hard for him, at first, as the work which his individual opponent has to do is too easy for a Varsity man. Something in proportion as a good scrub is developed is a good Varsity team developed.

Coach Golden has been working hard to bring the football team to a high state of efficiency, and he has been assisted for a short time by Ed Wood, State's famous end of the '99 team, and now coach and end for Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. The good effects of Wood's coaching are apparent in the life and snap which the team now manifests. This year, as last year, the physical condition of State's football players is much commented upon. Their excellent condition is largely due to Golden's training.