

### Dr. Atherton.

During the past year no announcement regarding State College has been discussed more than that of the resignation of Dr. Atherton. Early in the college year he requested the Trustees to choose a successor to take his place. The announcement was received with a great deal of surprise, and regret upon the part of those interested in the College and its success. No one familiar with the events which have led up to placing State among the first colleges of the land can fail to appreciate what Dr. Atherton has done. When he was appointed, the college had run down to a very low ebb and had an unenviable reputation. Under his supervision, however, it has rapidly acquired an enviable name and standing and increased the number of students.

He was born at Bedford, Mass. in 1837. He prepared for college at Phillips-Exeter Academy, and later went to Yale. He held several professorships at St. John's college, University of Illinois and Rutgers. He was also the first president of the American Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations and since that time has helped to place these institutions on a par with the larger colleges and universities.

As was published in an article some time ago: "President Atherton arrived in the fall of 1882, grasped the situation at a glance, and began with unremitting energy, and force to develop the Institution along the lines called for by Congress. In a few years he had overcome the prejudice of the people of the State toward the College sufficiently to enable him to convince the Legislature of Pennsylvania of the responsibility of the State for the development of the College, and to persuade it to make more or less suitable appropriations with scarcely a break up to the present time. From that time until this, new buildings have been springing up all over the

campus. At a slightly later date the President did much toward persuading Congress to pass the laws inaugurating the experiment stations and supplying the grant colleges substantial annual appropriations from the United States Treasury.

The enmity to the College has been gradually reversed so that, though now and always there will be knowing persons who would gladly tear down that which has been so laboriously built up, as a whole the people of this state are proud of their State College and believe in the work it is doing."

### Inter-Class Track Meet, 1907 Wins.

The annual inter-class track meet was held on Beaver Field on Monday afternoon. It was an ideal day for the meet, but owing to the hard week of examinations just passed, little training had been kept up and the time of the races showed it. One State record was broken by Strayer, '10, in the pole vault. He cleared 11 feet 1 1-2 inches, breaking Sudders record of 11 feet 1-2 inch made exactly a year ago on the same field.

The Juniors carried off the honors, outdistancing their nearest opponents by nearly twenty points. They secured seven firsts, six seconds and three third places, winning a total of 56 points. The Sophomores were second with 37 points, then the Freshmen, 17, Sub-Freshmen, 5, and Seniors 3.

The summaries follow :-

100 yard dash, Montz, '07, first, Arnold, '06, second, Henry, '07, third; time, 10 2-5 seconds.

120 yard hurdles, Zink, '08, Long, '07, Henry, '08; time 16 seconds.

One mile run, Gregg, '07, Lawsing, '08, Tawney, '07; time 5 minutes 3-5 seconds.

440 yard dash, Henry, '07, Stapler, '07, Digby, '09; time 55 3-5 seconds.

220 yard hurdles, Child, '08, Long, '07, Sadler, '09; time 26 3-5 seconds.

Two mile run, Smith, '08, Mumma, '07, Tawney, '07; time 11 minutes 52

seconds.

Half mile run, Stapler, '07, Yeckley, '09, Waha, '09; time 2 minutes 11 seconds.

220 yard dash, Henry, '07, Long, '07, Mobly, '09; time 22 3-5 seconds.

Polevault, Strayer, '10, Zink, '08 and Llewellyn, '09 tied for second; height 11 feet 1 1-2 inches. New State record.

High jump, Brewster, '07, Llewellyn, '09, Behee, '09; height 5 feet 5 inches.

Shotput, Wray, '07, Dunn, '08, Morhoff, '09; distance 35 feet 5 1-2 inches.

Hammer-throw, Dunn, '08, Ritchey, '08, Arnold, '09; distance 118 feet 9 1-2 inches.

Broad jump, Child, '08, Montz, '07, Llewellyn, '09; distance 20 feet 4 inches.

### Is a College Education Worth While?

Is a college education worth while? This is a question that has been very generally discussed, and many business men have spoken lightly of the advantages of a college education. President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, has the following to say on the subject:

"No doubt there are many who believe a college education is a hindrance to the necessary business wisdom of the age. There are merchants down town who will tell you how they started at ten or fourteen to sweep out the office and rose by virtues and industry to become members of the firm. This is true. But you follow the career of the office boy who began his utilitarian studies with a broom, and the college boy who began with books, and you will find out that when the office boy reaches thirty he is still an employee, whereas the college graduate is probably at that age his employer

Statistics show that out of 10,000 successful men in the world, taken in all classes of life, 8,000 are college graduates. Look at the tremendous increase of educational effort all over the United States in the