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Athletics.



THE PAST year has ushered in a new era in the history of University Athletics, and never before have we met with as much success in all its branches. At the present time athletics are on a firmer foothold than ever at the University, and the progress made during the session of 1893-'94 has surpassed the expectations of even the most sanguine.

Immediately after College opened, in September, the Captains of the class teams, who had been elected the preceding year, just before commencement, set to work at once to organize their respective teams. A class league was formed, dates of games arranged, and two or three exciting games were played on the campus. The class games, however, were discontinued, in order to form a "Varsity" team. In the class games that were played, though, some excellent material was developed, and it was seen that by proper training a good "Varsity" eleven could be formed. So the services of a competent coach were secured, and all men trying for the team went into strict training at once. Every afternoon on the campus

the "Varsity" and "Scrub" teams were kept hard at work. The team which was finally put into the field met with splendid success, considering the very short time they were in the hands of a trainer, and out of the five games played won two of them and tied another, the two games lost being the first two played. Our boys deserve a great deal of credit for the energetic way in which they worked, and nothing but love for the old University could have prompted them to act thus. Although we suffered some inconvenience in training, on account of not being provided with proper training quarters, yet never a grumble was heard. Good training quarters are something to be desired, and there is not a man in the University who does not sincerely wish that the time will soon come when we shall become the proud possessor of this long-felt want.

After a short period of inactivity following the Christmas holidays, a class baseball league was organized, consisting of five strong and pretty evenly matched teams. After a couple of weeks or more practicing, the match games were played, which not only proved very interesting, but developed some good baseball talent, which otherwise might have remained undiscovered. We always had large and enthusiastic crowds to witness the games, and a neat sum was netted the Athletic

Association resulting from the gate receipts. The pennant was won by the Sophomores, this team winning all games played. A "Varsity" nine will now be formed, which will no doubt be a good one, judging from the very fair sample of ball-playing exhibited in the class games.

The annual field day exercises were held on the campus, Friday, April 27. From the number of records broken, it is seen to be the most successful one ever held at the University. The following are the events in which our College records were broken: Standing high jump, standing broad jump (with bells), standing broad jump (without bells), putting 16 lb. shot, three legged race, pole vault, sack race, and throwing 16 lb. hammer, while the records in all the other events were very close to the best ones ever made here.

With the field day exercises, this short history of athletics

for the past year ends, and merely a glance over it will show the great progress made. We secured rather a late start in football, 'tis true, but this could not have been very well avoided. But the benefits of an early start are many, and easily seen, and it is hoped this fault will be remedied next year, for although our team met with much success, still with an earlier start, they could have met with more. We can say, however, and conscientiously too, that we have done well, but we must remember though that we can do better. With this fact in view, and with the experience of the past year to back us, let us return next year all agreed upon one thing, and that is to work for our University, and never to cease, until we stand pre-eminent among our sister Colleges.

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