

'90—A. J. McClatchie was recently successful in passing the examination for a high school teacher's certificate in California. He was the only one of several college graduates that succeeded in passing.

'85—A. G. Warner has been chosen as one of the lecturers in the new school of political economy at the Wisconsin state university which has secured almost all of the Johns Hopkins faculty in political economy.

'88—C. S. Lobinger is practicing law in Omaha. He finds it necessary to run down to the capital about once a week.

'90—H. K. Hefleman is practicing law at San Diego, Cal., and is nicely fixed.

P. K. Jewel, '92, is with a surveying party in South Dakota.

'91—Miss Ida Bonnell spent some time in Lincoln last week.

Graham, '90, and Chapin, '89, are in Omaha.

ATHLETICS.

Foot Ball.

J. H. Sears, captain of the Harvard foot ball team during the season of '88, speaks as follows concerning the moral, mental and physical effects produced by the college game as it is played at Harvard. Being a veteran foot ball player his views are not mere theories:

"A young 'buck' he says, "comes to college full of life and of the sense of his new-found freedom. He soon falls in with a crowd just like himself, and this crowd casts about for an outlet for their animal spirits. Then, before any harm is done, comes the call for candidates for the various foot-ball teams. They join practice squads and are forced to keep regular hours and to put by smoking and drinking and all their newly acquired vices."

It is difficult to realize perfectly how much wholesome restraint such an athletic sport exerts over new men at college, coming at the time when they are weakest. The need of good exercise is the cause of much of the danger of a university life. What could be a better preparation for morality and health and success than the hour's exercise on Jarvis and the hot and cold shower and rub down that follows? Three months of it will easily add twenty pounds to a man's physique and 10 per cent to his examination marks and 50 per cent to his manly self-respect and ability to use his common sense. The game is an education itself, for it gives a man "certain necessary qualities that do not come from much reading of books." "Active thinking, self-reliance, power to carry out what is attempted, and ability to decide at once and in the right way—these are qualities not to be disregarded, nor is any training that tends to perfect them." The mere fact that "faculties appoint committees to guide and properly restrain athletics, is evidence of a recognized importance." The great trouble is in the alleged brutality of foot ball which is unscrupulously exaggerated by newspapers.

In the more important games of last season there is scarcely an instance of rough, brutal, or unfair play. The report of the Athletic committee in 1888 shows this often disregarded fact: that out of 365 students who played foot ball during the two months (165 of whom practice every day), only 7 received at all serious injuries. "Now are those that do occur, more lasting than some of the moral and mental injuries that the game helps to prevent?"

Base Ball.

In our last issue the athletic column contained the substance of a talk given by Mr. Holmes to the base ball play-

ers, in which he properly scores the university for lack of enthusiasm in college athletics and the slipshod methods in which they have been previously conducted. This seems to have had the desired effect in kindling interest, and hence competition, in base ball matters. Where we find eighteen or twenty men training every evening in the gymnasium it shows that strong competition must follow, and where there is such competition among the candidates for positions on the club a well-trained team is always the result. Only about half of this number can obtain positions on the first nine, and the ones who will be disappointed will be those who show the least interest in training and the least enthusiasm in the club.

Mr. Holmes is liked by all the boys, and they put in an hour or two each evening in earnest training under his instruction: consisting largely in base running, starting from bat, running high jumps, high reach, pulley bar and horse exercise. Balls are used only on the floor, except in battery work or where tennis balls are used for straight throwing or batting practice. The following men are in training, and as nearly as can be ascertained, have inspirations as indicated below: pitcher, Barnes, Blout; catcher, Holmes, Dowling; first base, Colson, Heets; second base, Stroman, Butts; third base, Barkley, Putnam; shortstop, Pace, White; center field, Dowling, Mosher; right field, Westerman, Bradley; left field, Chandler, Haughton.

Surely a team that trains as faithfully as this one should receive the support of the college which it represents. The athletic association should not hesitate to furnish the team with all suits, gloves, balls, etc., that it needs; and if the association has not the funds they should be raised at once, either by subscription or by a benefit concert, as was the case with the foot ball club. If the association will settle this matter at once and assure the team that they will be given ample financial support, it will aid materially in their preparation and training. Nothing aids a club so much as to have encouragement from the students and faculty constituting the institution which the team represents. What encouragement have our base ball boys received from either students or professors? None whatever! And yet the players sacrifice their other interests and give their time to training, so that their club may compete with other ball clubs and not go to Crete or Havelock to suffer defeat at the hands of a motley aggregation of boys representing a kindergarten or grade school, as has heretofore been the case. This indifferent treatment of our ball club must cease if we expect them to compete with other college clubs. The students and faculty should display enthusiasm enough so that when our ball nine starts for the field to play their first game they could feel assured that they would be followed by 700 students with the old gold, and shouting the shouts of confidence in the boys in red uniforms and their ability to play good ball. This is what gives encouragement and helps to build up a club.

Sawyer has a great eye for business and economizing of time. Though he is the champion college long distance runner of the state and will probably still hold that position after the spring field-day contests, he takes no extra time for training. As he resides a mile and a half from the university he takes that opportunity to do his training. Every morning about 8:30 you may see him flying, so to speak, down the K street pavement from Twenty-eight to Sixteenth street. Then he spurts till he reaches Fourteenth street. It may be the case that there is some inducement for him to quicken his speed the last two blocks. At any rate Sawyer always makes the corner of Fourteenth and R streets the termination of his runs.