

The Editor rejoices therefore for he knows he has made some sort of impression on "breastworks" that heretofore seem to have been impregnable. He desires to acknowledge his appreciation of the kindly consideration of his efforts in trying to make The Alumnus interesting and effective and a worthwhile publication. He further desires it to be thoroughly understood that he wishes to hear from you with whatever you have to offer—whether it be a word of encouragement or a brick-bat. Like all human beings and especially the ladyfolks, he would rather be abused than ignored. Now this is not fishing for compliments, for they don't butter the bread, but it is a request for suggestions for the good of the order. In the vernacular of the newspaper man, "we want all the news that is fit to print."

EARLY HISTORY OF ATHLETICS AT STATE UNIVERSITY

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(Editor's Note.—Prof. Miller has had to depend upon his memory, the files of the local papers and a few other records for data for this history. The records are often found incorrect and no doubt inaccuracies have crept in. In order to make the history as correct and complete as possible, Prof. Miller and the Editor of The Alumnus would appreciate any corrections that can be made by those into whose hands this may come).

Organized athletics had its beginning in the old A. & M. College of Kentucky during the fall of 1892.

Previous to this year occasional games of base ball had been played between teams of the various colleges in the State, but there was no Intercollegiate Association and no rules governing eligibility, etc.

No games of college foot-ball had been played in the State previous to the Fall of '91. In that year Centre College employed a gymnasium and athletic director—one W. Durant Berry—whose previous training had been in Y. M. C. A. gymnasium work. He was in fact one of "Stagg's Christian Workers" squad.

He taught Centre College students to play the modern game of modified Rugby foot-ball. Toward the latter part of the season, after he had licked a team into shape, a challenge was sent to the A. & M. College (or the State College as it was beginning to be called) for a game.

This was accepted by the students even before any of them had any idea how the game was played.

S. M. Pottinger, '92, and I. P. Shelby, '92, were elected managers and J. I. Bryan, captain.

The game was played at the Old Base Ball Park out near the race track, and resulted in a score (if I have been informed correctly) of 10 to 0 in favor of Centre. The S. C. team had no suits, other than what