

The Year's Athletics



GREAT advance has been made in athletics during the past season. Our teams in general have made a better showing than in previous years. Last fall the football team did very creditable work, losing but five of its hard games, which comprised a schedule of fifteen. The football season over, indoor baseball, basketball and track work occupied the time of the athletes, and excellent teams were procured in each sport.

That Lewis Institute is fast becoming prominent in athletics has been ably demonstrated by the track team this winter. Our runners have captured both the relay races in meets given by the First Regiment Athletic Association, and the "open" and preparatory forty-yard dashes in the last meet. These were the only Lewis entries, and this indicates that we had a fair chance of winning the meet if we had had men in the other events. Only an accident at Cincinnati prevented Lewis from carrying home the relay banner for the championship of Ohio. In the Northwestern University interscholastic meet on May 2, Lewis again made a great showing and surprised everyone by defeating Eckersall, Hyde Park's star runner. If we had made one place better in the high jump, we should have won the meet as well.

A greater interest than ever before has been taken this year in physical training and development. We attribute this to the work of our excellent physical instructor, coach and trainer, Mr. E. B. De Groot, President of the Society of Secondary School Physical Directors, and also to the encouragement given by the Director, Mr. G. N. Carman. That all might see the character of the work of the gymnasium classes, a free exhibition was given in the winter quarter, and it proved a great success. The work of each day in the week was taken up separately and splendidly illustrated.

But for the lack of one thing, Lewis Institute might stand at the head of all preparatory schools in the country in athletics. This can and will be overcome in time, and the time is not far distant. It is school enthusiasm or school feeling. This encourages the men and urges them on. Give us more school spirit and see where Lewis athletics will be classed.

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