

CHESTER BRADBEER.



The old saying that " 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," may well be applied to our athletic contests this year. Surely " 'Tis better to have tried and lost, than not to have tried at all."

Handicapped by a scarcity of experienced players; in fact a scarcity of any kind of players, we nevertheless succeeded in having teams represent us in Football, Baseball, Basketball and Swimming.

True, we won very few of the games, but we did succeed in making the contests interesting, and in keeping the result in doubt until the very end. Great credit is due the men who stayed out for our teams, and put their best into what they knew could only be a losing proposition. And yet has it really been a losing proposition? Next year we should have a good nucleus for all our athletic teams, and solely because of our practice and experience of this year.



FOOTBALL TEAM

In Football we have Wood, Fraser, Hamilton, Martin H., Funk, Seaton, Head, McCain, and L. Brown to build upon next year. These men alone should now give a good account of themselves in any game, and with some new material next year should make a very creditable team. Mollison, Alford, Gibson and Brucker, who did such yeoman service this year, will be lost to us; and we will indeed need to work hard to fill their places.

In Basketball, we lose Scripps, Fagg, Brucker, and W. Martin, all hard players. For next year's team we must depend on Gardner, Fraser and L. Brown, and build up a team around them.

In Baseball we were especially lacking a pitcher. Head, Mollison and Alford, worked hard in this difficult position, but we could scarcely spare them from other places which should have been theirs. L. Brown, Fraser, Brucker, Fagg, Gardner, Meldrum, Bannon, and H. Martin, made up the rest of the squad, and most of them will be with us again next year.

Swimming was well represented this year. Scripps, Richert, L. Brown, and Meldrum took the prizes in our home meet, where nearly the whole school took part. Against the San Diego High School we made a very good showing, and can surely hope for success along this line next year.



BASKET BALL TEAM

This year has truly been one of beginnings. Last year we had some very strong teams, but lost most of the men by graduation. This year has been almost wholly spent in trying to develop some new men for next year. If we have succeeded in this respect, our athletic year has certainly not been a failure, as success consists in having something saved for the future. I confidently believe that we are better fitted for athletics next year than we were at the beginning of this year, and we hope to see our teams of next year far surpass our competitors.