

History of the Class of 1901

*Should you ask me, whence these stories?
Whence these legends and traditions,
With their frequent repetitions
And their wild reverberations,
As of thunder in the mountains?
I should answer, I should tell you.*



T is a characteristic of all things great, whether famous or notorious, that their origin is shrouded in mystery. Sometimes, this mystery is the cause of greatness, often, as the cynic would say, the result. Now the origin of the class of 1901 is shrouded in mystery. No man knows whence we came, no man dares say whither we shall go. We “happened” one day in September, exactly at such a time so that, barring accidents, we would be sent forth into the world with the new century. Our prudence and foresight in so doing have been the envy of all the other classes,—nay, some maliciously disposed persons have even gone so far as to attempt to hold back the march of ages so that we should be forced to graduate in the old nineteenth century along with the Seniors, and be forgotten with them. Their attempt has been in vain, however, as Dean Alderson has decided that the twentieth century shall begin when we go forth.

To say that we knew it all before we entered Armour Institute of Technology, would be inconsistent and untrue; to say that we will know it all when we are through is unnecessary. Already we have surpassed all the other classes—the Freshmen reverence us, the Sophomores imitate us, the Seniors fear us. Our deeds have been great and numerous. Our class kicks, although a thing of the past, are still an object of awe, and some of them may yet be seen on the doors of our lockers.

While attending to our duties as students we have nevertheless not forgotten our literary and social obligations. Only recently we enacted a comedy drama, in three acts, entitled, “The Averted Catastrophe, or Who kicked the Lamp?” The play took place in the Junior locker room, and the scene was brilliantly illuminated with broken circuits and non-incandescent lights. We have also written a 250-page novel entitled, “The Fight that Failed, or