

History of the Class of 1901—Academy

It has become a time honored custom to proclaim through the "Integral" the valorous deeds of the Academy graduating class; but the acquirements of the class of 1901 have been so great and its fame has become so widespread that only a few of the most noteworthy acts can be mentioned here. The entrance of this class was dissimilar from that of others in only one respect—it carries with it a profound significance, namely, that this class would be to the Institute what Schlitz beer has been to Milwaukee. From the very first day the presence of the class was felt—especially at the bureau of information. But the summer which intervened between the spring of the first year and the opening of the second wrought a wonderful change upon the members of the class of 1901. An inquisitive, strange set had been transformed into an energetic class which immediately organized into what has become the strongest and most loyal class which Armour Academy can count as her own. The constitution which united this class into an organization is a masterpiece of parliamentary manipulation and has been used as a model by every succeeding class. In its second year the class played an important part in the athletics of the school, winning and retaining the Institute base ball championship and losing the basket ball supremacy of the Academy by the small margin of one point. But physical superiority did not cause mental brilliancy to be neglected, for in that memorable year there were delivered at the meetings of class Phillipics whose excellence has caused them to go down into history as standards of intellect and oratory.

But the close of the second year did not mean a completion of the class' splendor for the third year was another stepping stone by which the class ascended to success. Space does not permit an enumeration of the many triumphs propagated by 1901, but one act above all others deserves mention. It was the inception of school spirit in Armour Academy and loyalty to Alma Mater. At all