

numberless magazine articles were consulted. Council reports and civic documents were perused, entailing a detailed study of the financial condition of Chicago and her street railways. The Team attended meetings of the city council, interviewed prominent city officials, wrote letters to different cities and collected rare statistics. The result was that when on the evening of January 30th, 1903, before a large audience in Armour Mission, the Team met the Northwestern Academy debaters, N. W. Draper, Colce Frenis Green and Arthur H. Smith, it won a well-earned victory, presenting forcefully a clear, well-organized case to the judges, Dr. W. H. Pulsford, Professor Joseph Parker Warren and Professor H. P. Chandler. It was the occasion for an enthusiastic outburst of Armour spirit and the debaters were borne down the aisles on the shoulders of cheering students. By this victory the debating team of Armour Scientific Academy earned the right for debating for the Inter-Academic Championship of Cook County.

On the evening of May 1, 1903, the debating team met a similar team from the Academy of the University of Chicago, at Morgan Park, in Armour Mission, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The Morgan Park team was composed of Messrs. Leisman, Claude Schofield and Horace Baker. Owing to their coaching at the hands of H. P. Chandler, of Chicago University, the Morgan Park debaters were well prepared. The question was, "*Resolved*, That the cabinet system of government is preferable to the congressional system." Morgan Park upheld the affirmative and Armour the negative. The judges were Judge Richard S. Tuthill, Judge Abner Smith and Judge Stein. Dean Chase, of Morgan Park, officiated as chairman of the evening. By the decision of the judges Armour won. It was a hard earned victory, and one in which debaters and students alike took pride. For the first time Armour Scientific Academy won the Inter-Academic Debating Championship of Cook County. Amid resounding cheers the winners were presented with the first banner ever given by the league. Those who, by their advice and help, had a large part in the victory, were Professor George L. Sherger, Professor I. Monroe Tisdell, and Leo F. Wormser, the graduate coach.