

Y. M. C. A. Handshake

THE indebtedness of all Freshman classes to our Y. M. C. A. is probably more keenly felt immediately after their annual handshake than at any other time. This idea is a good one and requires good people to carry it out, and the manner in which the one on the twenty-third of last September was conducted shows that our Y. M. C. A. are "all right," in the language of the street.

A large number of Armour men turned out to greet the *children* entrusted to their care and the children very quickly got acquainted with each other. Whether it is one of the objects of these handshakes to make the Freshmen acquainted with each other, and so make them able to single out the "Sophs" in the rush that comes so soon after, is not known, but nevertheless, such is the result. As Dr. Gunsaulus was unable to be present, Dean Monin addressed the assemblage and extended the hand of fellowship to the Freshmen and gave them words of advice from our President. Dr. Scherger favored the boys with piano and vocal selections, and a trio, Messrs. Barlow, Beamer and Stem, rendered several selections on the mandolin and guitar. After the applause had subsided, Mr. Spalding quietly announced that refreshments would be served in the other room. The effect was instantaneous, and it is enough if we say that little remained of the "feed" provided, and that no time was wasted in preliminaries, and so it ended. Friendships were started that will ripen into a close companionship in the years at college, and all due to this first function of the year, the Freshmen Handshake.