

Our New Athletics

SEPTEMBER 20, 1904, was a significant day in the athletic situation at Armour. On that date Ogden Field was formally opened. The acceptance of Mr. Armour's latest gift made it incumbent on the Institute to thoroughly reorganize athletics and bring them on a plane where there would be no uncertainty about them. The new field brought with it obligations on the school to see that athletics prospered. On this account, there was an entire revision of the Athletic Board, and the rules of the Athletic Association. Athletic control was made an Institute matter, and the organization of the Board included in the year book as part of the government of the Institute. In order that there might be sufficient funds for the supporting of the various teams in the manner demanded by the new regime, a fee of one dollar per term was added to the regular tuition as an athletic deposit. Having thus sufficient money at their disposal, the Athletic Board, or more properly speaking, the Board of Athletic Control, was enabled to furnish coaches for all the teams, and to provide materials for them in a manner entirely unprecedented at the Institute. When the field was first constructed, a football gridiron and a five lap running track were put in it, and plans were started in the winter term for the construction of a baseball diamond. That the students thoroughly appreciate the work of the Athletic Board is shown by the increase in the number of candidates for the various teams. This year is of course an experimental year, and the Athletic Board is learning many things about the management of College Athletics. The students also are learning, and it seems not improbable that in a few years Armour will assume the position in Western College Athletics to which her name and fame rightly entitle her.