

The 1904 Academy Track Team

THIRTY candidates reported for the try-out meet of the Academy track team last spring, and from these the following squad was chosen : Junge, captain ; True, Smith, Bristol, Cook, McCarthy, Bettles, McCausland, Flanagan, Stanton, Sonntag and Rice. Sonntag was manager of the team, but was able to secure only three meets, these being with South Division High School, Lake View High School, and the Inter-Academic meet. The reason given for the usual failure of the meets is the very good one, that there was no place to hold them, and practically no place to train. The First Regiment Armory was opened for training, but not for meets. The U. of C. gymnasium was open for a while, but soon after the South Division meet, which was held there, it was closed to all preparatory schools.

In spite of these disadvantages, the team made a fairly good showing. The meet with South Division, the first one of the year, was won by the score of 52 to 35, Armour taking first place in all events but the fifty yard dash, the low hurdles and the mile run. The men who did the best work were Smith, Bristol, Bettles, McCausland and True. The meet with Lake View was lost because a number of men in the weight events and the dashes did not compete, practically forfeiting their events. In the Inter-Academic meet, the Academy made the best showing it has ever made, having a total of twelve points. These are due to Smith, 1 first ; Trinkaus, 1 second ; Cook, 3 thirds ; and Bettles, 1 third.

With the new track, giving a chance to train and to hold meets, and with a coach, it is almost certain that Armour Academy can take the position in Academy track athletics to which she is entitled, but which she has never held.